



*Abiding* IN  
**CHRIST**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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3.15.26

Call to Worship:

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge.

**I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

I cry out to God Most High, who vindicates me. He sends from heaven and saves me.  
God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

**For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

Hymn: #2 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father, You tell us the nations will come and worship at your throne. That your Word will go out and draw all peoples to yourself. That you and you alone can actually meet our deepest longings.

**Yet our hearts are so cold, so resistant, unresponsive. When our world is marked by chaos, by conflict, by fear, we look to “gods” that aren’t God to give us what we think we need.**

When we fear, we look to counterfeit saviors:

**Our politicians, or our street smarts, or our attempts to maintain some aspect of control.**

When we long to feel secure,

**We turn to our own bank accounts, or our ability to protect ourselves and those we love.**

When we need a word of hope,

**We escape into our daydreams and wait for our circumstances to change and give us some semblance of “peace.”**

But you alone are our peace and you alone will be exalted. Every idol will turn to dust.

**Humble us, by your Spirit, away from arrogance and pride. Wash sin from our hearts, and cleanse us by your mercy. Help us to walk in the light of your grace.**

Amen.

Hymn: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became  
Perfect man to bear my blame.  
On the cross He took my sin  
By His death I live again.

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Assurance of Pardon:

God's Word assures us:

**New life will spring from the wreckage of our sin, and the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious.**

Who is this Branch?

**Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has washed away our sins through his death on the cross.**

He has cleansed us from our idols through his victory over death.

**He causes new life to grow in us through the presence of his Spirit.  
He gives us safety and salvation that we can never lose.**

Rejoice, your King has come! Your gracious King defends you!

**And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

## Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
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Hymn: #347 Be Still My Soul

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **John 15: 1-10**

Sermon: Abiding in Christ

<sup>15</sup> “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

## **2 Peter 1:2-8**

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Hebrews 12:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

## **1 John 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Hymn: The Goodness of Jesus

Benediction

## **Upcoming Announcements**

A joint Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast will be held at the Second Baptist Church on Apr. 5th at 7 am. We will still have Fellowship Time at 9 am and worship service at 10 am here at FBC.

Scouts are having an Honor Court on March 29th at 2 pm and we are all invited.

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center. We currently have six members, would you like to make it seven?

We are in the process of updating our master key list. If you have a key, either to the church or the CC that you no longer use, please return to the office.