

**First Baptist Church  
Shelbyville IN 46176**

**FATHER,  
FORGIVE  
THEM.**

**March 29, 2026**

Call to Worship:

The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.**

You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

**He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.**

Hymn: Good Good Father

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom: through him, God has come to reign, in order to turn everything and us right side up.

**By his mercy, not by our efforts, he makes us citizens and heirs of his kingdom.**

How are we to live as citizens in God's kingdom?

**In God's kingdom, heaven is real. We want a life that's happy and fulfilling right now. We are often preoccupied with what we want and what we need at the moment.**

In God's kingdom, we are often rejected and looked down on. Better the approval of Jesus than the approval of the world.

**We really want to fit in, for people to like us. We do not want to be different.**

In God's kingdom, we are called to love our enemies and show mercy. He loved us when we were his enemies.

**We often want to pay people back for the pain they cause us. We're cold to them, and assume the worst about them.**

Train us to be like you, Jesus, our teacher and our savior.

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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By Your death I live again

Assurance of Pardon:

The one who came to proclaim the kingdom, opened that kingdom to us through his death and resurrection.

**Jesus was judged and condemned, so that we could be forgiven. He poured his love and compassion on us.**

Jesus was perfect, so that on the cross, he could take the whole burden of our sin away.

**How in the world can we love our enemies?**

Here's how: While we were his enemies, Christ died for us. That's the generous mercy we don't deserve, but yet so desperately need.

**Praise God for our brother and our king, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn: #210 Jesus Paid it All

Hymn: #178 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

## Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Luke 23: 26-34; John 19: 17-30**

Sermon: Father, Forgive Them

<sup>26</sup> Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

<sup>32</sup> There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. <sup>33</sup> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

And they divided His garments and cast lots.

### **John 19: 17-30**

<sup>17</sup> And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, <sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. <sup>19</sup> Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>20</sup> Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

<sup>21</sup> Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' "

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

<sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. <sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

"They divided My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots."

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

<sup>25</sup> Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" <sup>29</sup> Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. <sup>30</sup> So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

### **Romans 3: 10-12, 23**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup> There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

<sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one."

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### **Luke 23: 21-24**

<sup>21</sup> But they shouted, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.”

<sup>23</sup> But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested.

### **1 Corinthians 1: 18-21**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

### **Romans 3: 26**

<sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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 today 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 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.