

# Third Sunday of Lent

## Service of Baptism

March 19, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME.....

INVOCATION.....

Spirit of the Living God, be present among us today as we seek to praise and worship you and to celebrate baptism - the outward and visible sign of Your power to raise us from death to walk in newness of life. AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Responsive Reading

LEADER: Blessed are you God, who draws us from the water in birth and rebirth, who claims us with a love from which nothing can separate us.

PEOPLE: **Come now, God, and send your Spirit among us. Trouble for us this water of memory and imagination.**

LEADER: Today we remember the baptism of our Lord. Jesus, identifying himself with humankind, was baptized by John, and as he came out of the water received the Holy Spirit and the affirmation of God, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Thus began Jesus' ministry to bring God's kingdom to us. And so we too, when we are baptized, are raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit, to begin our ministry as beloved children of God.

PEOPLE: **Sisters and brothers, let us remember who we are; let us remember our baptism.**

LEADER: Know, once again that you are claimed by God forever. There is no reason any longer to be afraid.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God!**

CHORAL RESPONSE... "As I Went Down in the River to Pray" ..... Choir

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM ..... **Ray Hudson; Derick, Elise, Raven and McKenzie Smith**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

PASTOR: Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, by your baptism, profess faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord? And do you commit yourselves to faithfully serve Him?

CANDIDATE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to pray for, to give encouragement to, and to help this candidate serve Christ through our congregation?

CONGREGATION: **We do.**

PRAYER ..... Pastor

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 4:5-26* ..... Molly Abbott

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

HYMN ... "I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 676

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

OFFERTORY HYMN... "This Is My Song" ... vs. 1 and 3 ..... 697

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 4:27-30 and 39-42* ..... Molly Abbott

**Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"** <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he

stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

ANTHEM ... “I Knew Jesus Was Love” .....Choir

SERMON ... “An Invitation to Inclusion” .....Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “We Are Travelers on a Journey” ... vs. *1 and 3*..... 278

POSTLUDE

### CALENDAR

#### TODAY

4:00 p.m. ....Informational meeting for Belize mission trip

5:30 p.m. .... Choir Practice

#### MONDAY

7:00 p.m. ....Deacons’ Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m ..... Team 4

6:30 p.m ..... Business Meeting ... Bible Study and Children’s and Youth Programs

#### THURSDAY

8:00 a.m..... JOY Trip to NC History Museum in Raleigh

#### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.....**BREAKFAST**

### USHERS

TODAY ..... Jeff Robinson’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY ..... Barbara Smith

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Toni Kellis

### NURSERY

TODAY ..... Lesa Speer

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Brandi Powers