

# “1st Sunday of Lent”

## We Come Prepared to Worship

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Christian forgiveness is best when “embedded in prayer, because it involves a process of letting go of one’s own point of view (regarding the situation, one’s self and/or the victim, and the offender) and entering into God’s point of view”.

– Marilyn McCord Adams, “The Craft of Forgiveness”

**PRELUDE** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
(Arr. O. Young)

### WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“This Is Amazing Grace”  
“Lead Me To The Cross”

{Children age 4 through Grade 6 are dismissed to downstairs learning in the Drama Room 101. Parents please come to room 101 to pick up your children following worship.}

**OPENING PRAYER** Lance Alexander

**\*HYMN** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” No. 436 (v. 1-3)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18:15-20

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength.

**P: We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will.**

L: We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another’s need.

**P: We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey— a land made rich and abundant by your saving love.**

L: Forgiving God, as you encouraged your people to forgive, you modeled forgiveness by releasing us from our bondage to sin.

**P: Help us to forgive others, so that we might live in harmony with all your children.**

**ALL: We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “Help Us Accept Each Other” No. 437 (v. 1, 2, & 4)  
(Note: Sung to tune of “The Church’s One Foundation” - No. 689)

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Larry Mayfield

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Psalm 24” Chancel Choir  
(H. Sorenson)

**DRAMA** “Forgiveness”  
Matthew 18:21-22

**MESSAGE** “Questions of Forgiveness” Pastor Dan Cash  
Matthew 18:23-35

**HYMN** “Come, Let Us Reason” No. 456  
-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward. The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

### \*UNISON BENEDICTION

**As we have been forgiven, now let us go into a world that needs our forgiving, healing touch. Let us bring peace and hope to others, sharing God’s love with them. AMEN.**

### RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** “A Trumpet Fancy”  
(L. Nelson)

### We Depart to Serve

\*All who are able may stand

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**Please remember to turn off your cell phone.** All songs copied by permission CCLI # 167629  
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### The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Heidi Putterill, Donna Emmert, Janet Bailey, Kyle & Stephanie Olson, Tim Pickup

**Happy Birthday:** Marcia Battle (3/11); Thomas Vickers (3/15)

**Emergency Responder** – Mike Compton

**Cookie Ministry** – Dot McMath

**Pastoral Care Team for this week** – Kerry & Alice Richmond

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST**

**TODAY, March 10**

9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Classes  
10:45 am – Sermon Conversation  
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers resume  
6:00 pm - WAVE

**MONDAY, March 11**

4:00 pm – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

**TUESDAY, March 12**

9:00 am – BSF Leaders  
11:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 pm – Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm – Marriage Grow Group

**WEDNESDAY, March 13**

9:00 am – BSF  
9:00 am – Four Seasons Mending  
5:30 pm – Worship Pastor Search Team  
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, March 14**

9:00-1:30 pm – SCIHE (Home School)

**FRIDAY, March 15**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

6:15 am – Men of Faith Bible Study (at Four Seasons)  
5:30 PM – Family Game & Movie Night

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 17**

9:30 am – Worship, “Laborers in the Vineyard,”  
Matthew 20:1-16, Pastor Dan Cash  
10:45 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Classes  
11:45 am – 5K Planning Team  
5:00 pm – Glad Ringers  
6:00 pm - WAVE

**LOOKING AHEAD**

March 19 – Church Council (7:00 pm)  
March 26 – Marriage Grow Group (6:00 pm)  
March 26 – Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)  
March 31 – Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last Names Q-Z)  
April 2 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
April 9 – Marriage Grow Group (6:00 pm)  
April 9 – Church Council (7:00 pm)  
April 10 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
April 14 – Palm Sunday  
April 15 – Newsletter Deadline  
April 17 – Quarterly Business Meeting (6:00 pm)



FIRST BAPTIST  
COLUMBUS  
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

**Welcome to First Baptist Church!**

**To Our Guests:** We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

**Prayer Cards** in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

**Welcome Information:** Information about our congregation & ministry is available on the back ledge of the sanctuary or through one of the greeters.

**Child Care/Children's Ministries:** Child Care is provided for infants & toddlers. Children, age 4 to grade 6 are dismissed early in worship to share a time of faith formation during the worship hour. Children's area is located on the lower level. **Parents remember to pick up your children in room 101 after worship.**

**Flowers/Decorations:** Please fill out a card located on the back ledge of the sanctuary if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

**Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.**

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**Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Rev. David Brown, Interim Music Minister  
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant  
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian  
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**MESSENGER EXTRA**  
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**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING**

The America for Christ Offering will be received during the month of March. This year's AFC theme is "Healing Communities" – based on Galatians 6:9-10 ("Let us not become weary in doing good."). Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

If you wish to make a donation, please use the blue pew envelopes or the AFC envelopes located in the pews and on the back ledge.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR CLASSES**  
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**Conversations in Philippians**

Facilitated by Alice Richmond & Friends – Chapel

**ASF in Fellowship Hall**

"Sermon Conversation Series Concludes with Pastor Dan"

Topic: "Questions in Forgiveness" – Matthew 18:16-35

**J.O.Y. Class** – Prayer Room

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**SEEDS GARDEN MINISTRY**  
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Are you a gardener? Would you like to learn more about gardening? The SEEDS Garden Ministry needs new team members for our 2019 season. Speak with Forest or Marsha Daugherty if interested. This ministry supports the Love Chapel food bank.

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
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There will be a Family Game & Movie Night on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided. Come and enjoy a time of board games (please bring your favorite games) and/or watch a family friendly film together in Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! This night is being planned and hosted by the Church Family Ministry.

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**LOVE CHAPEL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**  
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Love Chapel is a member of the Ecumenical Assembly. This group of churches oversees operations at Brighter Days (local temporary housing), Hot Meals (free evening meals), and the local Food Pantry. Last month we provided housing for 78 individuals (an average of 30 per night), food for 1057 households, and a hot evening meal every night of the week. In addition, 61 individuals received financial assistance from Love Chapel over the last month. The addition of Brighter Days increased the staff budget, so we are in need of volunteers to offset that increase. If you are able and willing to help, the Volunteer Orientation is at 311 Center Street on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Contact Kathy Thompson, volunteer coordinator, at [volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com](mailto:volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com).

**Sermon Notes:**  
**"Questions in Forgiveness"**  
**Matthew 18:15-35**

Pastor Dan Cash



Forgiveness and reconciliation are two related faith practices found at the very heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, despite their central role in a Christ-following faith, we – like Peter – often have questions when it comes to forgiveness.

Questions like:

- How many times should I forgive my brother or sister?
- Is repentance or contrition necessary before forgiveness can be given?
- Should forgiveness be offered unconditionally?
- Can you forgive without being reconciled?
- Are there any actions that are unforgivable?
- How does status or authority impact forgiveness and restitution?
- Why is forgiveness so hard?

What are your questions about forgiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

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From today's Scripture text, let's consider the following aspects of forgiveness:

- ❖ The Power of 2 or More in Matters of Forgiveness (Mt 18:15-20)
- ❖ Jesus' Call to Limitless Forgiveness (Mt. 18:21-22)
- ❖ Allowing One's Forgiven-ness to Drive Forgiveness (Mt. 18:23-35)