

# you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

February 28, 2010

The Second Sunday in Lent

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

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## Gathering

Gathering Song

*"Guide My Feet"*

setting by Wendell Whalum

1. *Guide my feet while I run this race, ...  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*
2. *Hold my hand ...*
3. *Stand by me ...*
4. *I'm Your child ...*

Greeting and Call to Worship

John Hewett

*My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a sinner saved by grace.*

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*When our hearts are troubled,*

*let us draw near to a mothering Spirit  
who shelters us with love.*

*When others disappoint and leave us,*

*let us turn to a fathering Spirit  
who defends the sorrowing with strong love.*

*As we enter this shelter of love,*

*let us take heart in a nurturing God  
who calls us by name to come and worship.*

+ Hymn 77

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

LOBE DEN HERREN

+ Confession

Paul Sims

+ Response

*"Thy Holy Wings"*

setting by John Ferguson

Sarah Poindexter, soprano

*Thy holy wings O Savior, spread gently over me,*

*And let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.*

*Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,*

*And let my every moment be lived within thy grace.*

— Caroline Sandell Berg, 19<sup>th</sup> century

+ Assurance

*The psalmist encourages us  
to wait for God.*

*For God will hide us in times of trouble  
and will guard us from all evil.*

*Trust these words of comfort*

*and be sure of God's all encompassing love.*

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.*

*And also with you.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a prayer with Dr. Hewett

## The Word

First Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Carol Tyson

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 27

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*I raise my head and howl at the sky.  
**Hear my cry, and come to me!**  
“Where is your home?” my heart pounds;  
“You are lost, you are lost, you are lost!”  
**I need to find my master.**  
Find me, master! Do not forget me!  
**Do not be angry with me for wandering away;**  
Do not punish me for straying from your side.  
**You taught me, you trained me;**  
Now show me you can save me, too.  
**When I was small, you took me into your home;**  
You took me for your very own.  
**Do not desert me now, when I have lost my way**  
taking paths you did not teach me.  
**Do not abandon me to an alien world**  
**where I can trust no one.**  
I fear for my life.  
**I will lie down here and wait.**  
Soon I will hear my master’s voice calling me;  
**I will see familiar feet coming towards me.**  
I can be brave, if I know help is coming.  
**I shall lie down here, and wait.***

— from *Everyday Psalms*

Anthem

*“O Lord, from the Depths I Cry”*

setting by Hal Hopson

The Chancel Choir

*O Lord, from the depths I cry; Lord, hear my voice.  
More than the watchmen wait for the morning, I wait for the Lord.  
My soul waits. O Israel, wait for the Lord.*

— from Psalm 130

Second Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

John Hewett

*The Gospel of our Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

## Responding

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 561

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

CLOSER WALK

First Baptist Church of Monroe welcomes all persons to participate in the full range of our services, programs, ministries and mission activities. Membership is open to anyone professing faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Persons may offer themselves as candidates for membership by profession of faith and baptism, by statement of previous conversion and baptism, or by transfer of membership from another church. Membership may be requested in writing or during regular worship services. If you wish to present yourself for membership today, come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and our minister will receive you. *You are welcome here.*

+ Offertory Prayer

Max Melton

*All loose change received in February will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Union County, a local food bank agency that provides groceries for families in need Please give as you are able.*

Organ Offertory

*"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"* Johann Cruger/Mark Jones

Prayers of the People

John Hewett

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

+ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Sending

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*Be strong and let your hearts take courage.  
 The God of our salvation has met us here.  
 Our hearts will not fear, for God is our shelter.  
 Our spirits are confident, for God is our shield.*

+ Hymn 618

*"Give to the Winds Your Fears"*

DIADEMATA

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

*“Improvisation on DIADEMATA”*

+ Those who are able may stand

Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

~ All worshipers are encouraged to complete the Attendance Register located at the end of each pew. ~

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Audio recordings of sermons are now available on our website, [www.monroefirstbaptist.org](http://www.monroefirstbaptist.org)

Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

*John H. Hewett, Senior Minister*

*Paul M. Sims, Minister*

*Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister*

*Timothy Belflowers, Organist*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Sarah Poindexter, Ministry Intern*

*Max Melton, Deacon*

*Carol Tyson, Reader*

*Preschool Extended Session workers for today are*

*Robin Haas, Christina Kale, Patti Duncan, Kim Tyson*

*The sanctuary flowers are given today by Max Penegar  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mildred Penegar*

## **Senior Minister Search Committee**

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for the seven-member Senior Minister Search Committee. To submit a member for consideration, forward the following information in writing to the Nominating Committee: Your name, the member's name you are recommending and a brief description of the reason why you believe this member would best represent our congregation. Recommendations will be accepted until March 10, 2010 and can either be mailed to the church addressed to the Nominating Committee, placed in the church office in the box labeled "Nominating Committee" or submitted by email to [nominating@monroefirstbaptist.org](mailto:nominating@monroefirstbaptist.org). We also request your prayers during this search process.

## **Community Lenten Service**

The next Community Lenten Service will be held this coming Wednesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 12:00 noon. Homily will be by Dr. John Hewett. Lunch will be served following the service.

## **Children's Event**

Children in Grades 1-5 are invited to join us this coming Friday evening from 5:30-9:00 in the Multipurpose Room for a pizza supper, games and a movie. Friends are welcome. Call or email the church office for reservations.



