

# you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

March 7, 2010

The Third Sunday in Lent

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

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## Gathering

Greeting

John Hewett

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

Organ Voluntary

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

setting by Helmut Walcha

Call to Worship

John Hewett

*We praise you with joy, loving God,  
for your grace is better than life itself.  
You have sustained us through the darkness,  
and you bless us with life in this new day.  
In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy  
and bless your holy name.*

+ Hymn 60

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

FAITHFULNESS

+ Confession

Paul Sims

*Patient God,  
how trying we must be.  
You have told us,  
you have shown us,  
you have come among us.  
Still, we look away,  
ignoring, forgetting, rejecting your purposes for us.  
Have mercy on us.  
Forgive us for what we have done,  
and for what we have not done.  
Tell us again.  
Show us again.  
Come among us again.  
With grace anew, come among us again,  
so that we might start fresh,  
and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ.*

+ Assurance

*Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+ The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

+ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Bobby Griffin

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

Psalm 63

setting by Michael Joncas

*Refrain*



As morn ing breaks I look to you; I look to  
 you, O Lord, to be my strength this day, as morn ing  
 breaks. as morn ing breaks.

*O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
 My body pines for you, like a dry, weary land without water.  
 So I gaze on you in your holy place to see your strength and your glory. **REFRAIN**  
 For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.  
 So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.  
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; my mouth shall praise you with joy. **REFRAIN**  
 On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night,  
 For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
 My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **REFRAIN***

Second Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

John Hewett

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

Sermon

*"There but for the Grace . . ."*

John Hewett

## Responding

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 45

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

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

Nancy Thomas

*All loose change received in March will benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry of Union County, a local agency that provides financial assistance for those in need. Please give as you are able.*

Offertory

*"In the Shadow of Your Wings"*

by John Leavitt

The Chancel Choir

*Gracious God, be merciful. O my God, be merciful.  
My soul is crying out to you. My only refuge, Lord, is you, God most high.  
In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings,  
My soul finds rest from my deep distress. My heart hides there till this darkness passes by.  
I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me.  
He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me.  
Gracious God, be merciful. O my God, be merciful.  
My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety, Lord, but you.  
In the shadow of your wings, I hide. O my God, most high.  
- from Psalm 57*

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

