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Lauren Wright Pittman, *Who will you listen to?*



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The lectionary for Year A offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore- to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

*Seeking: Honest questions for deeper faith. To whom will you listen?*

*Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## The Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## The Welcome

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

## The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*, J.S. Bach

## The Call to Worship

Children and Congregation

Watch! **There is hope to be found here.**

Listen! **God calls you by name here.**

Love! **There is love that abides here.**

God is here! **Let us worship.**

## \*The Processional Hymn

Choir and Congregation

*Lift High the Cross*, No. 229

Cross Bearer, Foster Davis

Stanzas 1,2, and 3 only

## The Call to Confession

Rev. Susan Reed

During a prayer of confession, we admit to ourselves and to God that we do not have it all figured out. And in our vulnerability, we are surrounded by God's love and grace.

Let us pray together:

## **The Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Susan Reed

**Holy God, we confess that too often we listen to the wrong voices. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us - easily ignoring the voices being silenced - easily ignoring your still small voice. Forgive us for getting distracted too easily and failing to listen to your voice and loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

## **The Words of Forgiveness**

Nothing can separate us from God's love. Friends, we are loved, held in God's grace and thus forgiven.

## **The Choral Reflection**

*A Love Round*, Patteson

Children's Choir  
Jennifer Harberson, piano

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

Foster Davis and Congregation

In a world full of noise, **we believe that God is speaking.**

In a world full of chaos, **we believe that God is singing.**

In a world full of temptation, **we believe God is healing.**

Faithful body of Christ, to whom will you listen? **We will listen to God our Creator, friend and guide.**

## **\*The Hymn**

Congregation

*Who Will You Listen To?*

*(LEONI)*

The voices from the past that echo through our minds like noisy ghosts haunt and harass with words unkind. Who will we listen to? Lies that bind and abase? Or God who counters words untrue with words of grace.

Society demands we always strive for more. Accumulating wealth and land and leave the poor. Who will we listen to? The tempter's jealousy? Or God's provision and pursuit of equity? © Strickland

*Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship  
and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.*

**\*The Old Testament Lesson**

*Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

**The Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*, Rutter

Chancel Choir

**The Sermon**

*Seeking Honest Questions for Deeper Faith: To Whom Will You Listen?*

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

**\*The Hymn**

*Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak*, No. 574

Congregation

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

Amanda Storment

**The Offertory**

*Andante (Sonata #6)*, Felix Mendelssohn

Jonathan Oblander

**\*The Congregational Response**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Congregation

**\*The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

**\*The Postlude**

*Fuga (Sonata #6)*, Felix Mendelssohn

Jonathan Oblander

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill and Mary Alexander by Ivy Alexander.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Sympathy to the family of Dick Allen in the death of his sister, Amelia Neely. Dorothy MacLaren, recent surgery; Joelle Leiferman, health concerns; Jean Henry, health concerns; Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns,

# Serving and Growing Together

## Pickleball

Pickleball is in full swing (literally). Now playing on Tuesdays @ 6:30 P.M. ALL skill levels are welcome. Come join us!

## Spring Missions Sale

March 3-4

We are excited about the upcoming sale. Please bring any donations by Friday, February 24. Please see Jenny Snyder or Betty Newcomer for a sale-day assignment. Thanks, always, for your support.

## Kids Night Out

March 10 from 6- 10 p.m. in Friendship/FLC

Parents/Guardians - Are you ready for a night out? Ready for that date night? What about just to let your kiddos have a GREAT time? Let US be YOUR babysitter for the evening! We will have tons of different fun, exciting games. This event will be from 6 -10 P.M. and we will also be providing pizza (their choice of cheese or pepperoni) and drinks! RSVP to Ann Hale by March 8.

## Winter Missions Collection

Throughout February and March we will be collecting hats, gloves and scarfs (child and adult sizes) that will be used in Missions boxes for next Christmas. Donations may be left in the Love in Action bins. So be on the lookout for those clearance sales!

## Habitat for Humanity: Raise the Roof

March 9-11

If you would like to participate, please contact Sharon Davis at [sdavis217@gmail.com](mailto:sdavis217@gmail.com), or (502) 939-4682. New folks are welcome!

## Reach Alerts

For up-to-the-minute updates about worship, events, and other important happenings at BBC, please sign up for our Reach Alerts! Go to [www.broadwaybaptist.org](http://www.broadwaybaptist.org) and scroll down to the bottom of our homepage to sign up.

# **Serving and Growing Together**

## **Women's Spring Luncheon**

You're invited! Join us on March 18 at 11 a.m. for the annual Women's Spring Luncheon. There will be a silent auction, raffle, and entertainment by Jonathan Oblander! \$25 per person. Reserve and decorate a table of 8 and invite your friends to attend. RSVP to Donna Williams at (502) 774-0515 or donnaleawilliams@gmail.com All proceeds fund local, state, and worldwide missions.

## **Donations Requested**

Now accepting donations for the Women's Spring Luncheon silent auction. Contact Connie Rogers call/text (502) 592-9392 or email cgordonrogers@aol.com

## **Bell Rehearsal**

Bell rehearsal resumes on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals are every Wednesday.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 8 at 10 a.m. Stay tuned for more details!

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, these are the available dates for 2023:

July 30

August 6

Please contact Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net) to reserve your Sunday.

## **Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study**

We begin with an informal, catered meal from 5:30– 6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we will share prayer concerns and have Bible Study. Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required. Please make your meal reservation(s) by noon on the MONDAY prior to the dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for ages 13 and up, \$3 per person for Kindergarten–6th grade, and Pre-K is free.

## Chenoweth “Charger Bags”

Each week we pack bags to be sent home on the weekends with students from Chenoweth Elementary who are living with food insecurity. In the past we have fed 25-30 students, but this year the need has increased to 150. Our partnership with the Greek Orthodox Church and the Missions Committee helps offset the cost of food - but we need your help! If you are able - the following food items are useful and can be placed in Love in Action bins around the church:

Ramen noodles, hearty canned soups or ravioli with pull-top lids, NutriGrain bars, granola bars (no nuts or peanut butter), oatmeal packets, individual applesauce or pudding cups, etc.

If you'd like to join the team helping to pack the bags each week, please contact Susan in the church office or at [susanr@broadwaybaptist.org](mailto:susanr@broadwaybaptist.org)

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