Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  -Psalm 51.1

Kyrie eleison translated Lord, have mercy, is one of the oldest prayers in Christian liturgy and comes from multiple references in both the Psalms and the Gospels. As we are called into worship during the Sundays in Lent by this phrase we acknowledge both our utter helplessness and the profound love of Christ.

Christ Candle  Taylor Kirkman

Call to Worship

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Opening Sentences  Rev. Alan Sherouse
Hymn 200 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Words of Friendship Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Children, ages four through first grade may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary following the sermon.

Call to Prayer

Worshipers are asked to move toward the cross in the center of the sanctuary as we sing together our Call to Prayer. Are You Washed is an old gospel song with the text slightly altered to emphasize our Lenten theme “Clothed in Christ.”

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin; clothe yourself with the robe of Christ. Wearing his new nature put to rest the old, and be washed in the blood of the Lamb. Are you
Prayers of God’s People  Dr. Steve Sumerel

Prayer Song

Are you washed in the blood, in the soul-cleansing love of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless, have you put on Christ, and been washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, cover my heart, Christ be within me; Christ be behind shield in the strife, Christ be the vision in eyes that low me; Christ be above me, never to part. see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.
Opening of God's Word  Will Beekman

Scripture Reading  Luke 15.11-32  Rev. Grizzle Kane

Sermon  Clothed in Compassion  Rev. Sherouse

Hymn 426  Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Offertory Prayer  Deacon Jeff Bennett

Choral Offering  Amazing Grace; Stephen Hatfield, Youth Choir, Brian Skinner oboe

Scriptural Covenant of Faith

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

—Colossians 3.12-14

Benediction  Rev. Sherouse

Song of Dismissal

Your banner over us be love, Your grace refresh our trav'ling ways. Your power sustain, Your beauty cheer; our words, our deeds, our lives be praise! Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Clothed in Christ

compassion
kindness
humility
patience
endurance
forgiveness
love

First Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2019
JOURNEY THROUGH THE LENTEN SEASON WITH FBC

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday | 6:30pm | Sanctuary
Mark the beginning of the Lenten Season with a church-wide service of confessional prayer and imposition of ashes.

Sundays during Lent | 10:30am
Instead of letting go or giving something up this Lenten Season, we invite you to explore what it might be like to take on new attributes of Christ.

Wednesday, April 17 | 6pm
A Family Pilgrimage Service will include a church-wide dinner and communion in the Fellowship Hall, with a time of worship in both the Prayer Garden and the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 19 | 12:30
“The Way of the Cross” Service in the Chapel following a light soup lunch in Room 102 served at noon.

FACES OF FAITH

Midweek @FBC during Lent | 6:20pm | Chapel
During Lent, we will gather together in one location. Each week several church members will share their stories of how they have experienced God in their lives. We will all be challenged to “clothe ourselves” with the traits of Colossians 3:12: compassion, kindness, humility, patience and endurance. Through learning more about those who make up our congregation, we will learn more about who God is calling us to be.