

Gospel Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry  
Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 648

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY*

Stewardship Prayer Joyce Setchfield, deacon

Choral Offering, Sanctuary Choir

*"Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney*

*Be not afraid : For I have redeemed you;*

*Be not afraid: I have called you by name.*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;*

*When you pass through the floods*

*They will not sweep o'er you;*

*When you walk through fire,*

*You will not be consumed;*

*You are mine, you are precious in my sight.*

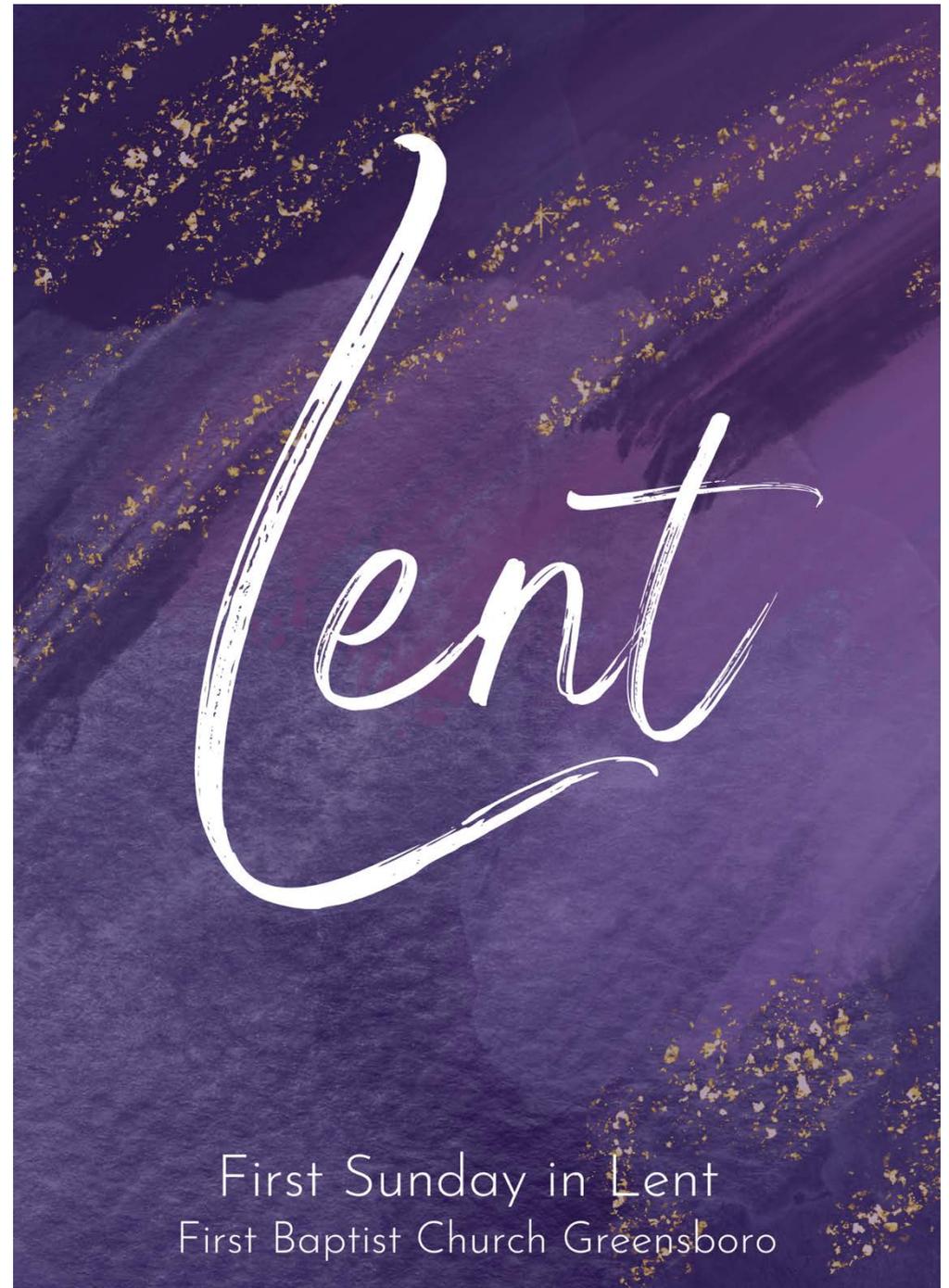
*My love for you is everlasting,*

*My love for you shall have no end.*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore

Sanctuary flowers are given today in glory to God and in memory of  
**Gene Hester,**  
by Hilda Hester and family.



First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for  
**The Worship of God**

The First Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2023

*Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth;  
you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.  
Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes,  
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.  
May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms a making of peace;  
our prayer the chant of humble and grateful hearts.  
All that we do is in the name of Jesus,  
for in his cross you proclaim your love forever and ever. Amen.*

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Madilyn Hix

Opening the Bible Lucy Culbreth

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Rev. Daniel Commerford

Return to the Lord your God,

**for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God,

**for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God,

**for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God,

**for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Worship the Lord your God.

**Together, let us worship God!**

†Hymn 45

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* NETTLETON

†Passing of the Peace

Words of Friendship Rev. Courtney Willis

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church  
and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Call to Prayer

Worshippers are asked to move toward the cross  
in the center of the sanctuary as we sing together our Call to Prayer.

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* HAMBURG

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride*

†Prayers of God's People Rev. Buck Cochran



Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



pres - sent far to small; love so a - maz - ing,



so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.