

LENT 2019

Invitations to connect with God and others through worship, shared community, and acts of compassion and justice.



Lenten Sermon Series: Love's Last Words

Christ's Seven Last Words from the Cross

When a loved one is dying, his or her final words are particularly sacred to us. In the four Gospels, seven expressions are attributed to Jesus during his crucifixion. From his cross Jesus forgives his killers; reassures a repentant thief; speaks to his mother and friend; declares he's thirsty; he cries out to God his feelings of abandonment; entrusts his spirit into God's hands; and proclaims that his earthly life is finished.

Wednesday Night Vespers During Lent

March 13 - April 10

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a simple, meaningful opportunity to rest in God and receive fresh inspiration in the middle of your week. Each service features someone sharing part of his or her faith story, as well as musicians from our church family.



Wednesday Noontime Lenten Service with NSBC - April 10

Pastor Julie preaching at 12noon; Lunch following at 1pm

A meaningful time of worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church



Maundy Thursday @ NSBC - April 18

7-9pm

Enjoy a fellowship meal together with Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, followed by a worship service with communion, foot-washing, the music of the FBC Chancel Choir, and a meditation by Pastor Julie. NSBC is located at **4606 16th St NW** (at Crittenden Street). Parking available on site and in the neighborhood.

Good Friday, April 19 @ 7pm

We remember Christ's crucifixion in this "Service of Shadows" led by our Chancel Choir and other musicians and readers from the congregation.

WORSHIP WITH US

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 21 @ 11am

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ and offer hospitality to the many who worship with us! Communion will be served.

Easter Reception

*Sunday, April 21,
Following Worship*

The Easter celebration continues after worship in FBC's side courtyard (weather permitting) for light hors d'oeuvres (provided by FBC) and Cascarones (a Mexican tradition with hollowed-out eggshells filled with confetti).

The Youth Ministry invites you to save and donate your eggshells during Lent. Last year, FBC youth made more than 200 cascarones for Easter Sunday. The goal this year is 300! Save your rinsed eggshells and give them to Pastor Alyssa.

LOVE'S LAST WORDS

2019 LENTEN SERMON SERIES
SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 11AM

forgive

March 10
Luke 23:26-34a

with me

March 17
Luke 23:35-43

son...mother

March 24
John 19:23-27

thirsty

March 31
John 19:28-29
Charlie Fuller Preaching

why?

April 7
Mark 15:25-34

your hands

April 14
Luke 23:44-49

**PALM
SUNDAY**

finished

April 21
John 19:29-30

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

LENTEN



VESPERS

*Wednesdays @ 7pm
March 13 - April 10
FBC Sanctuary*

These 45-minute worship services will offer a simple, meaningful opportunity to pause in the middle of the week to connect with God and receive fresh inspiration. Each service will feature someone from FBC sharing a piece of his or her faith story, as well as musicians from our congregation.

Date	Faith Story	Musician(s)
Mar 13	Patty Marceron	Christina Whitehouse-Suggs
Mar 20	All Music Service	Choir, soloists, instrumentalists
Mar 27	Chuck Prichard	Kevin Pinckney
Apr 3	Rob Marus	Zena Aldridge
Apr 10	Jerusha Chacko	Beth Prince, Debbi Miller



Sing with the FBC Chancel Choir

Every Sunday the Chancel Choir enriches worship at FBC. If you are a singer, the Music Ministry warmly invites you to come and share your gifts. There are no auditions; come as you are! The Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday morning promptly at 10am in the choir suite (room 312). If you'd like to sit in on a rehearsal, please contact choir member Zena Aldridge who'll be glad to answer any questions and help you find the choir room on your first day.

Schola Cantorum in Concert at FBC March 16, 7:30pm

Let your spirit be lifted by the artistry of Schola Cantorum from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. (Our own Kevin Biggins is a graduate of Westminster.) We need greeters to welcome our community that night. Volunteer by contacting Zena Aldridge in the church office.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

Faithful, nurturing volunteers and trusted child care professionals gather each week to play, sing, learn, and serve the spiritual needs of children. Young learners are taught the Bible through stories, play, art, and music. School-age children are introduced to the role of discipleship by learning spiritual gifts, Bible verses, prayer, and studying Bible stories.

9:30am–10am — Drop-Off for Sunday School

Parents drop off children in Pastor Kelly's office (room 117, behind the security-concierge desk) for a "Mission Moment" where children read, learn, study and pray for children around the world.

10am–10:45am — Sunday School in 3rd Floor Children's Classroom

All children (12 and under) are escorted by adult volunteers from Pastor Kelly's office to the 3rd floor Children's Classroom (Room 319) where they gather for a Bible lesson and art. The children are led for by three FBC volunteers and two child care professionals.

10:45am — Transitional Time

Older children escorted by adult volunteers to the sanctuary for worship.

Kindergarten & younger: Remain in 3rd floor classroom and/or 3rd floor Children's Library throughout the worship service. **Parents of younger children arriving only for the worship hour:** take the elevator to the 3rd floor and follow signs to the Children's Classroom.

11am–12noon — Younger Children's Ministry During Worship Hour

Younger Children begin in 3rd floor Children's Library for music, Bible lesson, reading and art. Also, adult volunteers bring the children to the FBC gym for fun and exercise.

After worship (around 12:15pm)

Parents pick up kids in the Children's Library on the 3rd floor.



Please contact Kelly Magee-Prichard for information about the Children's Ministry or to learn how to serve as a volunteer.

Children & Families to the Smithsonian National Zoo

Saturday, April 6

All children and families are invited to meet at the church at noon and carpool to the zoo. Entrance is free. Bring snack money, as we will likely stay for several hours. Please RSVP for your family to **Kelly Magee-Prichard**.

Children's Train Trip

Saturday, May 4

Save the date! Miniature train and a vintage carousel at Wheaton Regional Park in Maryland (a short drive from DC). More information coming in the Easter Season newsletter.



Youth Sunday Mornings

Youth Group is for 7th - 12th grade students.

During the season of Lent, all youth age students (7th - 12th grade) are invited to join us in the Youth Lounge (Room 306) at 9:30am for Sunday School. The Sunday school hour is a time for youth to pause from the busyness of the week, reconnect with one another, and feel for God's presence.

During the season of Lent, we're discussing the book *The Hate U Give*, alongside The Last Seven Words of Jesus. It's going to be a meaningful six weeks. **Contact Pastor Alyssa** for more information and check out the upcoming events below.

3rd Sunday Lunch with Incoming Youth

Sunday, March 17

Every third Sunday of the month, the youth eat lunch together after church to catch up and hang out. Bring some money for lunch and meet Pastor Alyssa in the narthex after worship on March 17th.

Youth Lock-in

Friday - Saturday, March 29-30

A lock-in is the most sacred of youth group traditions. It's a glorious sleepover filled with games, hanging out, snacks and hilarity all while being "locked in" the church. All youth-age students are invited to participate. **Contact Pastor Alyssa** for more information or to RSVP.

Cascarone Making

Saturday, April 13, 11am-2pm See Pastor Alyssa

Holy Saturday Hike at Shrine Mont

Saturday, April 20 See page 6.

Coffee & Conversation: Sundays After Worship

Each Sunday (except first Sundays) refreshments are served by our hospitality team in the church parlor immediately following worship. Come and go or come and linger. It's a great way to meet new friends.

First Sunday Potluck

Every first Sunday at FBC we share communion during worship and a potluck meal afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Our monthly potluck is a casual (and delicious!) way to meet new people and get to know each other better. Newcomers, feel free to come as our guests, or, if you want to bring a favorite dish, please do!

Wed. Nights in Lent: Combine Worship & Community

Two Dinner Options!

Prefer to eat early? Enjoy a catered meal by Chef Laval in Fellowship Hall at 6pm, before Lenten Vespers at 7pm. Cost: \$8. **RSVP to D'O Dillard** each week by Monday at 5pm or make a standing reservation for all five weeks during Lent.

Prefer to eat later? Each Wednesday after worship, join Pastor Alyssa and/or Pastor Julie and walk as a group to one of many nearby restaurants. No reservations necessary.

Young Adult Late-Winter Retreat - March 22-24

FBC young adults will retreat, recharge and reconnect with God in Orkney Springs, VA, March 22-24. We'll learn a bit about the Enneagram (a tool for understanding personality "types") and hopefully a little more about ourselves. Spots are limited! Cost is \$30. **Contact Pastor Alyssa** to sign up.

Holy Saturday Hike - April 20

Shrine Mont Retreat Center, Orkney Springs, VA

Prepare your heart for Easter Sunday with FBC friends at the edge of the George Washington National Forest in the Shenandoah Valley on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). Follow the seven stations of the cross up Great North Mountain to the camp cross; pray as you walk a labyrinth in the woods; meditate in the chapel. There is something for everyone. **Contact Pastor Alyssa** for more information.

"Ordinary Time" for Young Adults

On Thursday evenings from 6-8pm, young adults meet at a local restaurant to talk about theology and public life. Ordinary Time is on "pause" during Lent and will resume after Easter.

Serve Breakfast at Christ House - 2nd Sundays @ 7am

The Missions Team invites you every second Sunday to serve breakfast to the residents of Christ House, a medical facility for individuals experiencing homelessness in Washington, DC. Christ House is located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood at 1717 Columbia Rd., NW. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/4EvMXi>. If you have questions, contact our Christ House coordinators **Oliver Müller and Molly Young**.

Make Sandwiches for Martha's Table - 3rd Wed. @ 5pm

The Missions Team invites you every third Wednesday evening to help make 480 bologna & cheese sandwiches for hungry people. Meet in Fellowship Hall. Great ministry for children and youth! We share a meal together afterwards (please **RSVP for the meal to D'O Dillard** by the Monday before at 5pm).

Host Students for the Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering in April

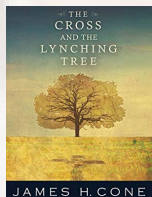
Host homes are needed for seminary and other students who are coming to DC for the annual gathering of the Alliance of Baptists, Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28th. If you can offer your home to one or more students, please notify Zena in the church office zaldridge@firstbaptistdc.org. Calvary Baptist Church in Chinatown is hosting the event. *First Baptist Church has deep ties with the Alliance of Baptists. Former member Stan Haste served as their founding executive coordinator and our own Rob Marus serves on the Alliance board.* **Schedule and Registration Info here:** allianceofbaptists.org

Sunday Mornings at FBC

"The Cross and the Lynching Tree"

Conversations about race and religion in America.

During Lent, two adult groups are discussing James Cone's foundational book about racism and the gospel. Series loosely parallels Pastor Julie's Lenten sermon series on Jesus' dying words from the cross.

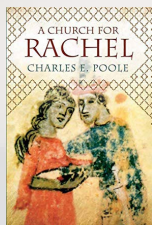


9:30am "Crossroads" intergenerational group meets in the Meadows Room (basement level, overlooking the gym).

9:45am Young Adult group meets in the Dawson Room (1st floor near the security-concierge area).

"A Church for Rachel"

Written by former FBC pastor Charles Poole for "those who mourn, struggle, and wonder."



"Tapestry Class" participants reflect a variety of backgrounds and faith traditions and are united in their belief that faith is strengthened by an inquiring community in which all are encouraged share their perspectives and experiences. (Sunday at 9:45am in the church library, easily accessed by the elevator in the "O" Street lobby.)

Joyful Giving

At FBCDC we see giving as an opportunity for joy—joy in our faith, joy in seeing our faith at work in the world, and joy in giving generously to accomplish the plans God has for us and our church. Our weekly need for tithes and offerings is **\$7,388**.



Support At-Risk Children and Families

Fundraiser Dinner & Show, Sunday, May 5 at Toby's Dinner Theater

Support the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) while enjoying dinner and the musical, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. **Date:** Sunday, May 5 @ 5pm. **Location:** Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, MD. **Tickets:** \$61/person. Can't attend? You may donate so that youth from GAP may attend as our guests. Make checks payable to the Board of Church Representatives, NCCF. Deadline to purchase or contribute: March 17. For tickets or donations, call Bonnie Jorgensen (301-649-4804).

The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. The residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. Other programs include treatment, foster care, social services for family reunification, parenting education, independent living, and stabilization of families in the community.

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First Sunday Benevolence Offering

Following communion each month on the first Sunday, we receive a special offering (beyond our regular giving) for those in our church, community and world who are experiencing needs like food and housing insecurity, medical bills, etc. Your gifts help to meet those needs. On March 3, worshipers gave \$848.49 which was sent to Fellowship Southwest for the purchase of bunk beds and supplies for immigrants arriving at the U.S. border.



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