

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**March 31, 2019
10:30 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: "Lead Me to Calvary" arr. Eleanor Whitsett

*Hymn: "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!" 505

Offerings

Ministry of Music: "At the Cross" arr. Larry Shackley
Phil Thornbery, keyboard; Christine Baird, piano

*Pastoral Prayer and 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

Offertory: "How Great Thou Art/Majesty" arr. Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir

Sharing God's Word

Children's Message: Kadie Henry

*Hymn: "Be Strong in the Lord" 661

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-10 (p. 949) Marcy Pledger

Ministry of Music "Known" E. Hulse, T. Wells, J. Sapp
Kadie Henry, soloist

Sermon: "Ridiculous Grace" Rev. K. Scott Robertson

Departing to Serve

*Hymn of Invitation: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" 101

Benediction

Postlude: "Oh, Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

arr. S. Gabrielsen

*Congregation stands as able.

Budgeted monies received: \$65,040.70

Received 3/24 - \$ 3,526.88 3/24 Worship Attendance: 95

Bible Study: On Wednesday evening, April 3, we will be beginning a study on the life of the Apostle Paul. You do not need the book to participate in the study, but if you are interested, the book the pastor is using is "Paul – A Biography" by N.T. Wright (you can find it on Amazon for \$20). Along with this study, on Sunday evening, April 7 at 5 p.m., we will be showing the movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ" in the Sanctuary.

Puerto Rico Mission Team: We will be having an important meeting following worship on April 7 for all those team members. If you cannot attend, please let the Pastor know on or before the meeting. The Mission Team members are: Pastor Scotty, Jami and Chase Robertson; Michel, Suzanne and Justin DeCamp; Jake Shouse, Matt, Alaina, Mia and Monroe Shoemaker; Jerry and Esther Arnold.

Governance Structure Update Announcement

*The educational presentations for the congregation are Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m.

*A Special Business Meeting for the congregation to vote will be on Sunday, June 2 after worship.

*If the proposed structure is adopted it will go into effect January 1, 2020.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00am to 12:30 p.m. It will begin with a short performance from the J-LAB students. Pizza and drinks will be provided after the egg hunt. The CE Board is in need of candy donations or pre-stuffed plastic eggs for the egg hunt. Please make sure the candy is *individually wrapped*. *Due to allergies, we are asking for peanut-free candies only*. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex.

Sub Sandwich and Bake Sale – benefitting the Puerto Rico Mission Trip

– place your order today in the narthex- Subs are \$3 each and have 3 meats and cheese with banana peppers or you may order without peppers. Deadline for orders and payment is TODAY. Due to limited storage space, preferred pickup time is April 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or available Sunday after worship. The sandwiches freeze really well.

The Church Lawn Artists (Grass Cutters) need some extra helpers. Could you volunteer to help them, once a month for a few hours? Contact Chuck Scheibert at 513-378-6232 or Chuck.Scheibert@icloud.com

This Week at First

Today, March 31

9 a.m. Prayer

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

7 p.m. ABY

Monday, April 1

2 p.m. Health Ministry

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

7 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. FB Ringers

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, April 2

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 3

10 a.m. Yoga

4:30 p.m. J-Lab After School

6 p.m. Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Praise Singers

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 4

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, April 5

5 p.m. Young Life

Saturday, April 6

9 a.m. Sub construction

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sub order pickup and BAKE SALE

Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor:	Rev. K. Scott Robertson
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Interim Sanctuary Choir Director:	Nina Markle
Children's Church Teacher:	Beth Daly
Greeters:	Judy Beasley, Liz Looney
Deacons Greeters:	Barb Brown, Dave Adams
Video Technicians:	Tom Henry, Kristen Adkins
Audio Technicians:	Ron Cobb, Ryan Krause
Head Usher:	Dave Adams

Parents please have your children bring their America for Christ offering box to Sunday School or Children's Church next Sunday.

As part of Mission Middletown 2019, we will be serving some of the International Students at MUM with a carry in dinner on campus on Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m. If you are interested in either helping cook or serve for the main course (see Celeste or Chuck Scheibert, Jean Back or Mike Ratliff), for side dishes or dessert (see Tom Henry or Marcy Pledger), for drinks (see Pastor Scotty).

Creative – Experimental – Experiential

We are commissioned to go out into the world and share Christ. More information will be shared in the month of April in worship during the announcements concerning a new ministry that will be called "Fellowship Groups"!

Let's paper Hope House! The Mission Board is sponsoring a paper drive for Hope House! Please bring paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex to help Hope House. The labeled box will be in the narthex from March 31 thru April 14. Thanks!

Cards by Sandi returns with Easter surprises on April 7!

Donations Needed: Gently used books, children's books, puzzles, games, CDs, and DVDs for the **63rd Annual AAUW Used Book Sale**. Donations may be dropped off at the AAUW site at 2204 Central Avenue (next door to Stefano's Italian Restaurant). They are accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information and to arrange for book pickup call 513-424-1120, 513-424-5168, 513-424-7552 or 513-424-5458. Deadline is Saturday, April 6 for donating. Book sale is April 11-14.

The Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable foods, such as: peanut butter, jelly (plastic jars), cans of tuna, chicken, ravioli, spaghetti sauce, soups, etc. The Mission Board thanks everyone for your support throughout the year.

First Baptist Church



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Coming Soon

April 7

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
PR Mission mtg.
Sub order pickup
AB Youth

April 8

Cub Scouts
Yoga
FB Ringers
Basketball

April 9

Rev It Up aerobics
Cub & Boy Scouts

April 10

Yoga
J-Lab After School
Bible Study
Praise Singers
Sanctuary Choir

April 11

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
MUM dinner on Campus
RAK
AA mtg.

April 12

Young Life

April 13

E. Naudin Circle
Easter Egg Hunt