March 10, 2019                                                                          First Sunday in Lent

The Gathering
"Out of Christ’s anguish, we shall see light. Out of Christ’s suffering we shall touch the mystery of God’s love and grace. Come, let us worship God."

Prelude
"Are Ye Able"                                                    Lorenz

Choral Introit
"Lead Me Lord"                                                     arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible
Wade Myers

Call to Worship
Leader:   We do not gather to worship a Christ unfamiliar with our sufferings.
People:  We come to worship the Christ who took our sufferings upon himself.
Leader:   We do not gather to worship a Christ who lays his cross upon us.
People:   We come to worship the Christ who takes our cross upon himself.
All:          O come, let us worship the Christ who died on the cross of glory.

Hymn No. 209
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children’s Time
The Armor of God

Christian Greetings

Opportunities to Serve
Debbie Auman

Old Testament Lesson
Isaiah 53: 1-7

Morning Prayer

New Testament Lesson
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Hymn No. 212
"What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

Reflection
"When Superheroes Fail" Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Anthem
"At The Cross" Cindy Berry

Sermon
"So I’ll Cherish the Old Rugged Cross” Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 484
"The Old Rugged Cross” OLD RUGGED CROSS

Offertory Prayer
Tobin Shepherd

The Offertory
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Pachelbel

Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction
"Go Out With Joy” Jeanne Davis

Postlude
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Mason

Today’s Lay Reader is Sheila Killebrew

Music for Today’s Service
Mike Hendrix, Organist
Sanctuary Choir

Budget Update
Received last week $10,739.00
Required for February $53,695.87
Received for February $35,855.84
Deficit for 2019 $ 3,403.19

Celebrating New Life
The two roses in the Sanctuary celebrate the births of Scout Holley and Gunnar Leon Dunn on January 8. We rejoice that the twins are home and doing well! Congratulations to parents, Brittain and Katie Dunn, and to the grandparents, David and Julia Dunn.
This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.                                             Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Today at 9:30 a.m.                                     Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Today at 4 p.m.                                                       Faith Factory on the Second Floor
Today at 6 p.m.                            Snack Supper in the FH followed by youth activities
Monday at 7 p.m.                                                          Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.                                                   Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.                                             Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

Community Lenten Service

Join us each Wednesday at noon for the Community Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church. The Baptists are leading the worship service this Wednesday. There will be a lunch in the fellowship hall following each service at a cost of $5.

St. Patrick’s Day

Next Sunday is St. Patrick’s Day. Our worship service will have an Irish flavor! Wear green and celebrate next Sunday.

Wednesday Night Meal and Bible Study

Dr. Howell will lead a Bible Study following our Wednesday night meal. Reservations are necessary by noon on Monday. We will enjoy assorted soups, salads, crackers, cheese and dessert.

March 10th  Bed Babies-M/M Nathan Houser
            2-4 Year Olds-Katie Hartley/Kelly Wright

March 17th  Bed Babies-M/M Dale Frank
            2-4 Year Olds-M/M Zak Young

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