



First Baptist Church in Beverly

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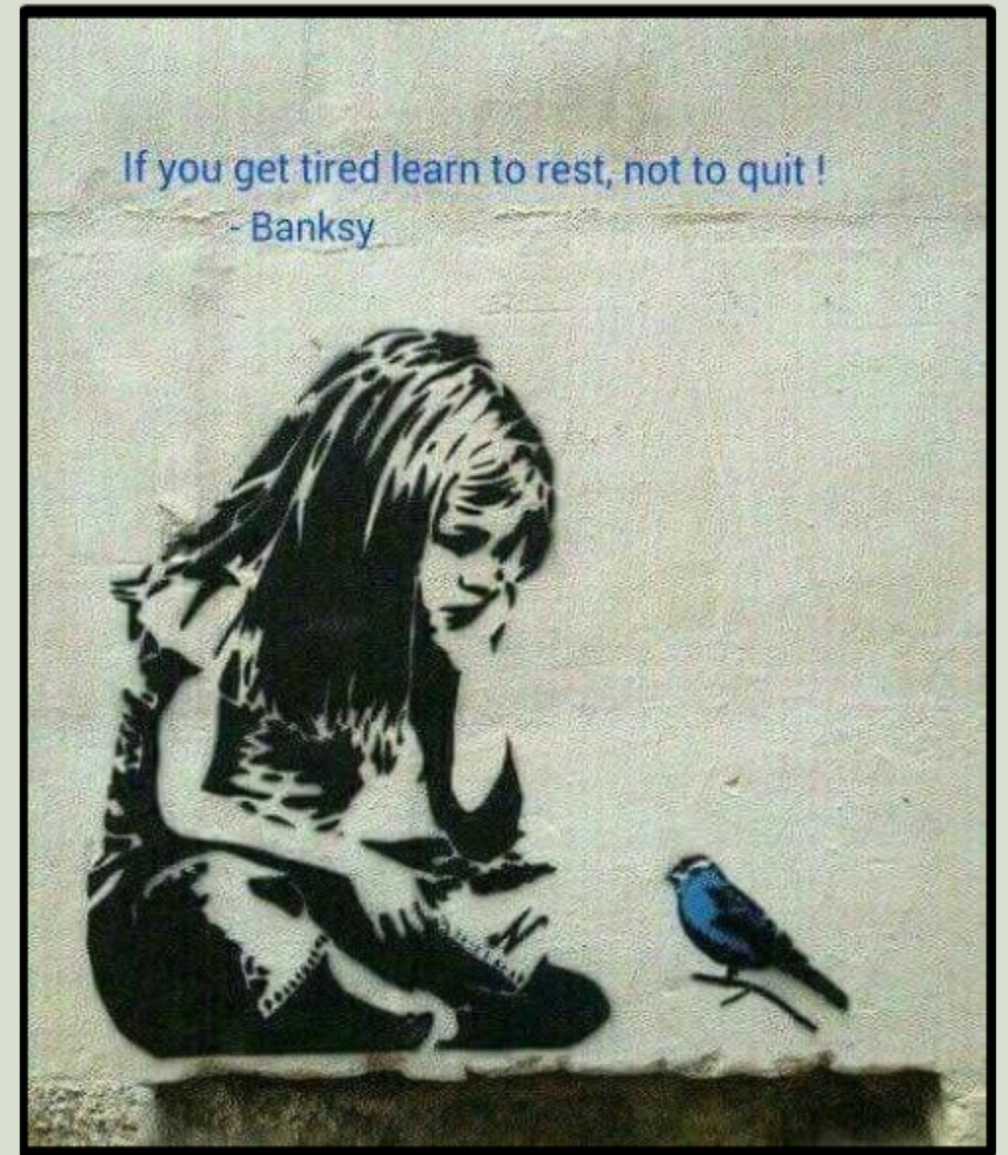
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THE ART OF REST, RENEWAL
AND RESOLVE

Lent 2025

**Welcome to Worship
at First Baptist Church in Beverly!**

We welcome you to worship this morning. We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather or prayer cards in the pew rack, or speak with Julie Flowers or Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill one out with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are given in appreciation of those who serve at the Saturday Lunch Program by Barbara Brann-Weir.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The Prayground is a child-friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. A care and learning experience for preschool and Kindergarten-age children is provided throughout our service in the Littlest Learners room on the main level, located through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary. Care for infants and toddlers (all children 2 and under) is provided throughout worship in our Infant/Toddler Room across from the rear sanctuary doors. All adults who work with our children have been CORI-checked. We always encourage families and caregivers to do what is best for their child and their family during the worship time.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets twice a month following worship, and will next meet on Sunday, March 16th.

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

For more information on these and other programs of the church check the QR Code on the pew card in front of you or www.fbcbeverly.org!



Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!

Scan this QR code or text FBCTEXTSNOW to 724-361-6388 if you would like to opt in to receive text message updates, reminders, and alerts from First Baptist directly to your phone.

Upcoming Events This Week:

Worship - Today at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Ensemble - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Word Searchers - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Baptism Class - Today at 2:30 p.m.

Middle School Fellowship - Today at 4:00 p.m.

Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 6:00 p.m.

Wit & Wisdom - Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Pickleball - Monday at 7:00 pm.

Harborlight Nursery School Board - Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Coffee Hour - Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration Ringers - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Be sure to Save the Following Dates:

- ◆ The + Club Game Night on Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Jesus Christ, Superstar! At NSMT on Friday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Ecumenical Spring Celebration at the Garden School on Saturday, March 29.
- ◆ Comedy Night Fundraiser for FBC Summer Service Trip on
Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ FBC Women's Retreat from Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1 at Grotonwood.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Julie Flowers

Moment of Preparation

(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)

Call to Worship

Kelsey Belis

***Hymn 249**

SPIRIT


Spirit

***Invocation, Lord's Prayer (debts),**

Dr. Daniel Johnson

and Glory Be to God (pg. 37)

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.

 *Glory be to God and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Stepsitters

Anthem

R. Powell

Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, I make all things new. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and I will give to those who thirst of the water of life freely. Come, let anyone who will take the gift of the living water. Those who overcome shall inherit all things, and I will be their God. I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Scripture ReadingHeidi Keating
Pew Bible pgs. O.T. 1

Genesis 1 & 2, excerpted
Reading from The First Egalitarian Translation

Morning Prayer

Kelsey Belis

***Hymn 514**

GENEVA

*God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty***Sermon**

Rev. Julie Flowers

*“Learning to Rest – Not Quit!”***Morning Offering**


Dr. Daniel Johnson

Call to Giving

Offertory

A. M. Malotte

The Beatitudes
Jenn Bobzin, soloist

 **Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Hymn 351**

FILL MY CUP

*Fill My Cup, Lord****Benediction**

Rev. Julie Flowers

Postlude*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Lenten theme for this year is the Art of Rest, Renewal, and Resolve. Throughout the season, our worship exploration will find us journeying with Jesus through stories of his life and ministry, and noticing the ways in which Jesus models for us the importance of finding space to rest, to care for oneself and for those on the journey with us; to fill our spirits and to renewed; and then to resolve to return, again and again, to the work to which God calls us: the work of resisting earthly powers of oppression, greed, violence, and injustice, and to work and speak for a world that reflects God’s kin-dom of equity, care, justice, and love. Throughout the season, we will also be invited to put our theme and the scriptures of our faith into conversation with literal works of art: street art and community murals that help communities give voice to themes of justice, care, and love, offering us hope and inspiration for our journey. Our thanks to this year’s Lent Worship Planning Team, who worked with Rev. Julie Flowers to design this year’s Lenten theme! Thank you to Kelsey Belis, Heidi Keating, Luke Oliveira, and Doris Ann Vosseler for their thoughtful and prayerful work together. You’ll see members of the Lent Worship Planning Team leading in worship with us throughout the Lenten season, as well!

Easter lilies and tulips are now available to order. The cost is \$10 for lilies and \$8.00 for tulips. Orders are due by Monday, March 17. (The florist has requested that all orders be in early to be sure that they will be able to fill our order). The flowers will be available to take home with you after worship on Easter. If you prefer you can donate your flower(s) to be gifted to homebound members who are unable to join us for worship.