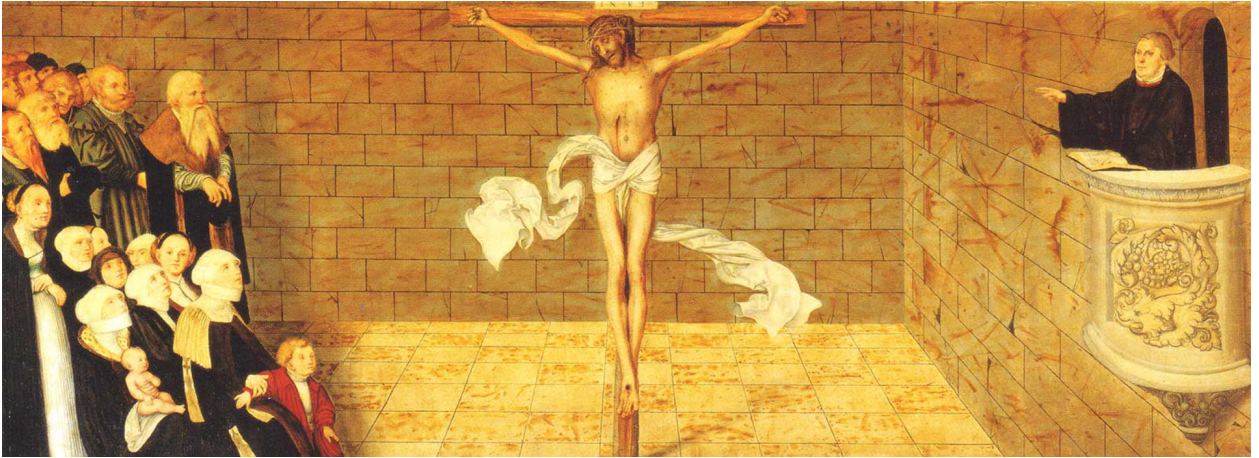


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# The Worship of God

April 12, 2026 • 11:00 AM



Lucas Cranach the Elder - *Luther Preaching* -1547



# Third Baptist Church

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**Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices.**

*\* = Please stand in body or spirit*

*NOTE: It is traditional that the Sunday after Easter be treated as 'Low,' that is without the choir leading the sung worship, but we are fortunate today to have in their place guest musicians, Gene Dobbs Bradford and Steve Johnston.*

**Prelude**

**Gene Dobbs Bradford & Steve Johnston**

**Welcome**

**Dr. Tommy Simons**

Leader: So, we invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Baptism of Jaden Jacobs**

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## Poem

Jerry Bryan

### Malcolm Guite: Sonnet for Low Sunday

*One of the sacred sonnets written by Guite, a priest and chaplain to Girton, one of the colleges that constitute Cambridge University in England. Guite also serves a city center priest and is recognized for his prolific output of beautifully crafted poetry.*

We do not know... how can we know the way?"  
Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

## Hymn of Welcome

#442 Babbie Mason's "Each One, Reach One"

EACH ONE, REACH ONE

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Offertory Prayer

Colton Simons

Offertory Meditation

Gene Dobbs Bradford & Steve Johnston

Responsive Reading

Dani Phillips

Psalm 118:1-7

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,

**People: and his love is eternal.**

Leader: Let the people of Israel say,

**People: "His love is eternal."**

Leader: Let the priests of God say,

**People: "His love is eternal."**

Leader: Let all who worship him say,

**People: "His love is eternal."**

Leader: In my distress I called to the Lord;

**People: he answered me and set me free.**

Leader: The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid;

**People: what can anyone do to me?**

Leader: It is the Lord who helps me,

**People: and I will see my enemies defeated.**

Anthem

Gene Dobbs Bradford & Steve Johnston

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## Scripture Reading

Theresa Sky

1 Peter 1:3

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Dr. Tommy Simons

What's the Good Word?

## \*Hymn of Invitation and Declaration

#343 Amazing Grace

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## Benediction

Dr. Tommy Simons

## Postlude

Gene Dobbs Bradford & Steve Johnston

## Prayer List

### Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

### Praying for our Missionaries

Dr. Dan and Sarah Chetti – Middle East and Northern Africa

Jana Lee – Cyprus

Scarlette Jasper – Corbin, Kentucky, USA

Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga – Dominican Republic

Dr. Tim and Kathy Rice – The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Kit Ripley – Northern Thailand

### Prayer Requests

Robin Bailey's Neighbor

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Jersey Dukes

Glass Family of Maui

LaVerne Graham

Adam Grisson

Alisa Guider

Judith Hawk

Peggy Hemphill

Laverne Hulett

Glenn Jefferies

Chris Lee

Herma Nelson, Ruby Whiteside's sister

Dr. Tim Rice

Declan Rutan

Officer Steve, School Security Guard

Karen Stewart

Lydia Thiems

Alice Worrell

Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)



If you're a visitor today, we want to meet you! Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or use the QR code below to connect with Third Baptist online.

## Calendar for April 12 - 19

### Sunday, April 12

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship facilitated by Gene Dobbs Bradford and Steve Johnston, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

### Wednesday, April 15

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
- 5:45 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

### Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

## **Pastoral and Music Staff**

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor

Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families

Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music

Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

