

**EVENTS FOR "CHURCH AND COMMUNITY"--Please send to the Church office
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HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS and BIBLES are available from the ushers. There is a wheel chair on the South side of the sanctuary for those who need it and an accessible washroom. Please share your comments with us on their usefulness to you.

PLEASE SAVE "LABELS FOR EDUCATION" found on many food and paper products. They will be sent to Springbrook, a Baptist Institution for Developmentally Disabled Children and Adults in Oneonta, NY. There they will be redeemed and used for educational materials by their residents. Please place in the offering plates, take to the office, or give to Marlene Sack.

THE NURSERY is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during the entire service. (Care Provided by Carol Fleming).

A SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S TABLE is available for younger children during the service. Parents are requested to use their judgment as to a child's ability to engage in quiet activities. Parents with children at the table during worship are encouraged to sit in the section closest to it to allow children to check in with them as needed. Thank you.

This week at First Baptist:

Sun	Feb 11	10:00 am	Worship
		11:30 am	Brunch
Mon	Feb 12	4:30 pm	New Creation Singers
		5:15 pm	Mindfulness Meditation – Chapel
		6:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
Tues	Feb 13	4:30 pm	DeWitt Park Social Action Coalition
		5:30 pm	Sufi Meditation – Chapel
		7:00 pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
Wed	Feb 14	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		7:00 pm	Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers
Thur	Feb 15	8:15 am	Meditation
		6:00 pm	Church Choir
Sat	Feb 17	11:30 am	Food Not Bombs
Sun	Feb 18	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Christian Education

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Ministers: All members of the Church ~ Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Pastor

Shella Chace, Office Manager ~ Christopher Morgan Loy, Organist/Pianist ~ Belinda Adams, Choir Director ~ Amy Beigel, Children & Youth Education ~ Carol Fleming, Nursery ~ Sarah Zipfel, Sunday School Aide ~ David Hopkins, Custodian

Rev. David Evans, Pastor Emeritus ~ Alice Damp, Minister of Music Emerita

Big Hearts

Give us big hearts, dear God;
Big enough to embrace all our sisters
And brothers

Especially those in trouble,
Whether of their own making or
Because of wrongs done to them.

Give us big hearts, dear God;
Big enough to acknowledge our own weakness
Before pointing the finger at others;
Big enough to be humble
When blessed with your good gifts
Denied to so many.

Give us big hearts, dear God;
To reach out again and again
To those who cannot help themselves
Until hope is restored to them
Until we, thorn-beaten and bloodied
Allow our loving to become more like yours.
Kathy Keay

*First Baptist Church in Ithaca
Worship
February 11, 2018
10:00 am Worship*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God speaks, calling out to the earth:

Many: I am God, your God. . . Every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the fields is mine.

One: Offer to me your sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High.

Many: Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.

(adapted from Psalm 50.)

*Opening Hymn: *O Worship the King* ** #17

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Creator 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Holy Ground* Arr. Leavitt

Young People's Time

Offertory *Come Sunday* Duke Ellington

*Presenting our Gifts *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (verses 1-3)* #344

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Mark 2:13-17

Sermon "Follow Me"
The Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Moment of Silence

*Closing Hymn: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #627

*Benediction

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able.**

** (You may wish to substitute "our God" for "the King".)

We recognize the theological importance of ways language is used in worship. We do not attempt to change every historical reading, anthem and hymn in each service; we do try, over time, to balance cultural and gender references to include all persons in the worship of God. Please feel free to use inclusive language during worship.

Mark 2:13-17

13 Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

15 And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Briefly at FBC

Please stay for Brunch today. Whether you brought food to share or not, you are welcome.

Lenten services--

Ash Wednesday is February 14--yes, next week. We will have a short service from 6:30 pm to 7 pm.

For the following 5 Wednesdays – February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. the Worship Team is sponsoring a Lenten Supper and Spirituality program. We will meet at 5:30 in the Community Room for a simple supper followed by the program from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Members of the Worship Team have committed to bring the soup and bread for February 21. Attendees will be invited to sign up to bring soup or bread for the following weeks.

The curriculum we plan to use is called *Sitting in the Dark: Growing Through the Poetry of Pain*. It is an invitation to consider the ways brokenness, pain and struggle nurture our spiritual lives to bring growth and lead us toward light. We will use short videos by people such as Brene Brown, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Walter Bruggemann to prompt our sharing together. Each week will stand on its own, so if you aren't able to attend every week, come when you can.

Adult Education next week-- AMERICA'S ORIGINAL SIN: Racism, White privilege, and the Bridge to a New America. We will use Jim Wallis' book by this title and other sources for conversations together on February 18, 25, and March 4th.