The Worship of God
Sunday, February 18, 2018

Today is the first Sunday of Lent and we remember that Jesus is Lord of the water and the wilderness. Just as Jesus was baptized and tempted, we will also walk that path. May the Lord guide us through this season, but may we not avoid struggle. In our fasting, let us hunger so our senses might be awakened to God. May we open ourselves to blessing, but not ignore the cleansing depths of repentance. While we may not go under the waters of baptism this season, let us not miss the words of the Spirit. As we begin the journey of Lent, may the steps we take help us see the nearness of God's kingdom.

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Mike Greenfield

Time of Greeting *You're Worthy of My Praise*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Mike Greenfield

Congregational Call to Worship
Crown Him King of Kings
Crown Him (Majesty)

Morning Prayer Mike Greenfield

Song of Worship *I Need Thee Every Hour* CH 638

God's Eternal Word for Us *Mark 1:9-15* Tiffany Fink
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Rob Fink

Offertory *In Your Mercy* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Cody Favor
Beginning is Underrated

Invitation *Come Just As You Are* CH 481

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions John Moore

Benediction *Crown Him (Majesty)*

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Judy L. Dudley, by Mike Dudley.