

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | FEBRUARY 22, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Beautiful Savior* Cathy Moglebust
Covenant Ringers

Welcome Eric Clark

Choral Introit *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

Processional Hymn No. 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* ASSURANCE
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Chris Cooper

One: We hear the distant sound of weeping,

All: The heaving of stone and earth.

One: A rush of wind meets our breathless silence,

All: A deathly quiet enfolds all.

One: The bright cry of a familiar voice breaks on us,

All: Creating us and our world anew.

One: Our rising breaks the hold of Hades.

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord of life.

Prayer of Invocation Rebecca Richardson

Hymn No. 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps Emily Eddings Sandley

Hymn No. 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* PROMISE
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Psalter Reading Psalm 104:27-30 Erica Cooper

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* REMEMBER ME

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Paxton Vaughn

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.

Gospel Reading

John 11:17-27, 32-35, 38-44

Eric Clark

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Anthem

I Am the Living Bread
Covenant Choir

Michael McCabe

*I am the living bread which came down from heaven.
If anyone eat of this bread, they shall live forever.
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Sermon

Moving Toward Death

Eric Clark

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Eric Clark

Hymn of Response No. 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

WALK WITH ME

Words of Dedication

Rosi Cooper

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.
Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory

Light of Peace
Covenant Ringers

Veronica Bigham and Derek K. Hakes

Offertory Response

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Life of the Church

Eric Clark

Benediction

Eric Clark

Postlude

Fantasy in C minor
Dan Lawhon

J. S. Bach

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839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

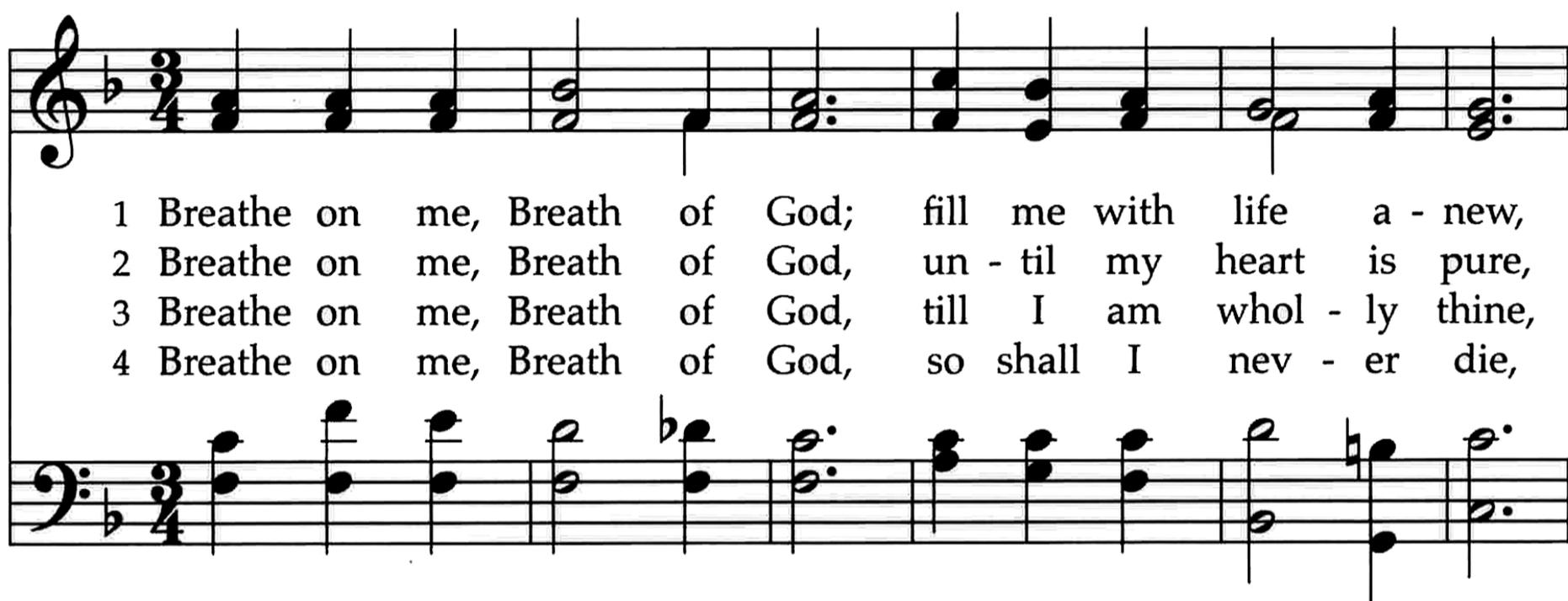
Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

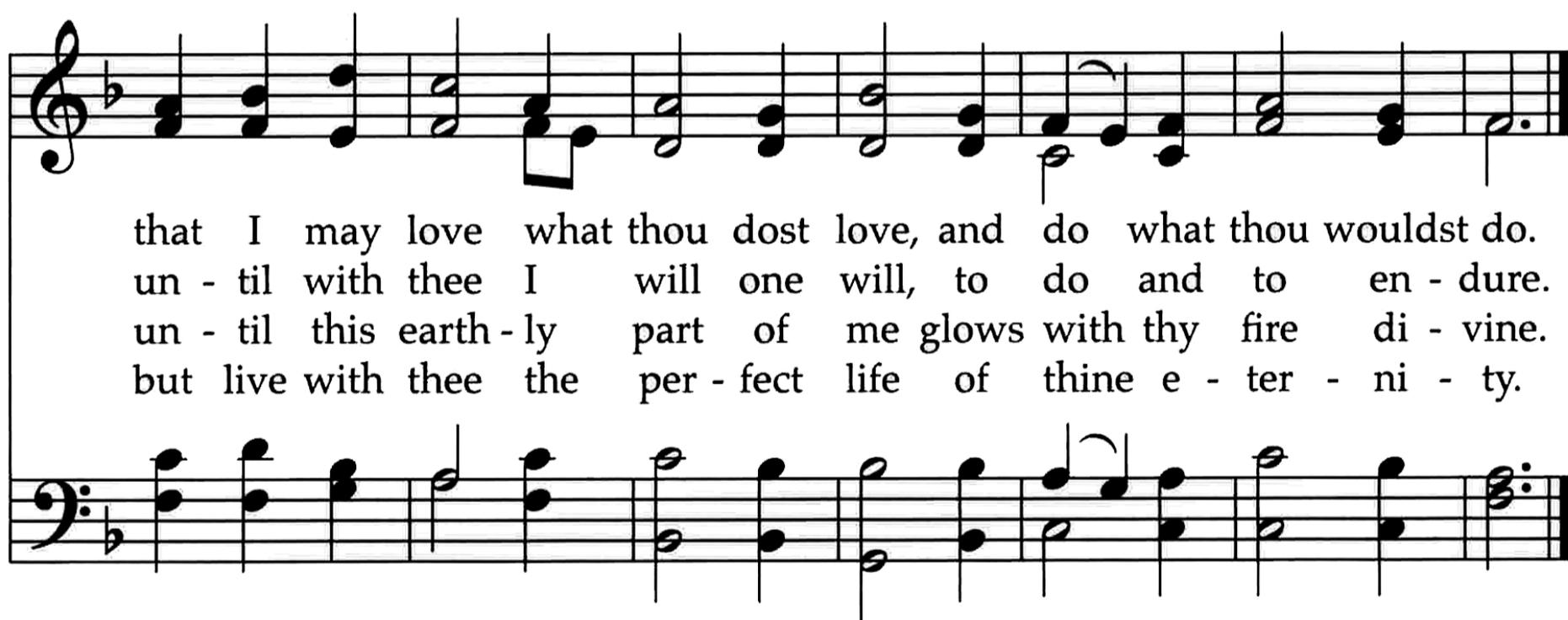
all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)

C7

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)

F7

B \flat

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

A

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

B \flat

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

C7

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCOC VARIETY SHOW Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 pm

We will gather on March 1 at 5:00 pm for a night of dinner, community, fun, and lots of talent! This is a fundraiser for our youth so please consider how you might donate to help send our youth to camp this summer as they work to put this event on for you! If you have a talent, skill, joke, or something else you would like to perform and share, please sign up using the QR code!



LABOR DAY BEACH RETREAT September 4 – September 7

BCOC has been retreating together since 1982! Come for the last blast of the summer, Labor Day weekend. You can register online on Realm using the QR code.



LENT AT BCOC

Be sure to visit baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/lent to learn about all the Lenten events and activities at BCOC. Devotionals for all ages are available in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP March 4

This March, we're learning about neurodiversity, learning styles, and mental health and asking how this information can help us practice community within our own church family. Join us for a three-week series focused on learning about the different generations within our building and strengthening those connections.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.