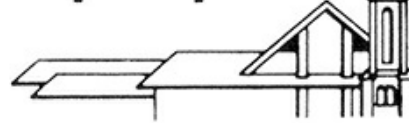


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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*Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 21, 2021*

10:00am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship
*(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our
[Facebook page](#), our website at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)*

(You can view all materials on our Facebook page with or without having a Facebook account!)

10:55 am: What a Zoom Fellowship! Immediately following Virtual Worship
(see info below)

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Strain Our Eyes to See***

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Preacher:

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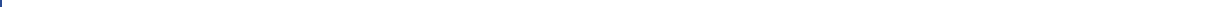
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Join us on Sundays after worship

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Join your friends each Sunday after the virtual worship service for a time of fellowship on Zoom. Whether you are a long-time member or just passing through, you are welcome to attend this time of reflection and prayer. During the weeks of Lent, please join us as we consider what it means to experience the steadfast love of God.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87584963293?pwd=VndSanBZVTlVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdz09>

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Picking Up the Palms!

It may seem hard to believe, but time marches on, and Lent moves along, and we are fast-approaching Palm Sunday (March 28th)!

The ministers of the church would LOVE to have as many of YOU included in our virtual Procession of Palms for the March 28th service of worship as possible (similar to how we did the candlelight pictures for the Christmas Eve service). Here is how you can be part of it all and make that happen:

Palm Pick-Up at First Baptist Beverly – Saturday, March 20th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

We have ordered palms for you, and we want to get them in your hands (and then in your pictures!). Kent and Julie will be at the church (221 Cabot Street, in the parking lot, on the Hale Street side of the building) from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. THIS SATURDAY, March 21st, for you to drive-by/walk-by/roll-by and pick up your palms for this year! You can expect to hear a little *Jesus Christ Superstar* blasting away as you come by, too, since we won't get to rock out to it at our usual Palm Sunday pancake breakfast this year. Come by the church and grab your palms so you will be READY for Palm Sunday!

Palm Deliveries for Those Who Cannot Come By the Church

We have enlisted the help of some delivery volunteers to then help deliver palms to households unable to get to the church during the pick-up event (OR if you are able to get out but just not at that time, you may come by Kent's front porch to grab your palms at a time convenient to you – just let us know if you plan to do this, so we don't double deliver to you, then!). If you are interested in volunteering as a palms delivery driver, please email Kent (kharrop@fbcbeverly.org) and Julie (jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) to let them know you are available.

Take Your Picture and Upload to Dropbox by Thursday, March 25th

Once you have your palms (OR if you are not local to us, we encourage you to be creative and MAKE palms using arts and crafts skills or using materials/flowers/branches found in your yard or around your home! Remember that people in Jesus' time grabbed palm branches because it is *what was local to them*, so feel free to get into that spirit using what is local to you!) – pose for a *Hosanna!* picture with you and/or members of your family waving your palms to help us create a virtual Procession of Palms in our Palm Sunday service! We will weave the pictures all together in a slideshow set to the hymn "The Palms," so that even if we are not all together singing and waving our palms, we can still create that feeling for one another. The more faces in our slideshow, the better, so we hope all households can participate!

Please upload your pictures to our Dropbox using this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/FXfPoBh9S4EbhtgUxzE> no later than the evening of March 25th for inclusion in the Palm Sunday service!

Eat Pancakes on Palm Sunday!

Ok. This one isn't about how to pick-up your palms or get into the service, but we did want to remind you that in your Lent-in-a-Box kit, we included pancake mix and maple syrup, to help you recreate our traditional Palm Sunday at church experience; you may want to make your pancakes and bring them to the Zoom Fellowship event after online worship that day, just to feel even more in the spirit! If you already ate your Lent pancakes, that's ok! You can still make more *or* you can just savor the memory of how good they were and share about it on Zoom Fellowship!

Watch for Heidi's How-Tos on What Else to Do With Your Palms!

You don't have to be done with your palms once the pictures are taken! Some of you may wish to create something with your palms that you can keep with you as a reminder of the journey from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday, into the poignant feel of Maundy Thursday (real-time service happening at 7 p.m. on Zoom this year; watch for that link!), through the darkness of Good Friday, and into the Hallelujahs of Easter Morning, as you walk through Holy Week. Our own Heidi Keating will be creating a how-to video showing us how to do just that; watch for that to premiere on our Facebook page and YouTube channel and to be shared here in the Bulletin following Palm Sunday.



Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Our children and young people are invited to join us in the virtual classroom for Sunday School this Sunday, March 14th, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. If you have not yet been able to register your young person for our classes, use the button below to sign up via our website!

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

Youth Fellowships

Middle School Fellowship:

Our Middle School youth and advisors had a creative and hilarious time with our Middle School Fellowship Advisor Tank parody of the television show Shark Tank, which found our youth creating *very* creative and well-done Leprechaun traps and then pitching their particular trap design to the Advisors, who were waiting to make someone an investment (of candy!). All of the youth created really well-done and thoughtful and creative prototypes and drawings of their ideas, and everyone was made a sweet deal; which will be delivered to doorsteps during this week by members of the advisor team!

During this time of virtual programming, Middle School Fellowship has shifted to a biweekly model, so our next meeting of the group will be Sunday, March 28th, at 4 p.m. for an online game afternoon. See you then!

Senior High Fellowship:

Our Senior High Fellowship stepped into a real life game of Clue, as the group took on characters in a murder mystery party and then worked to try to determine which of them – all suddenly suspects in the case! – had committed the crime. Advisors delivered fancy party snacks and drinks (thanks to advisor Moriah Brennan who planned and coordinated this program and prepared the bags to be delivered to each participant ahead of time!), as well as few props for each character's part to the doorsteps of all participants ahead of time, and when the zoom started, everyone was ready to step into character! It was *lots* of fun and had some unexpected plot twists along the way; if you want to know whodunit, you'll have to solve the mystery!

This coming Sunday, March 21st, the Senior High will gather on zoom at 6 p.m. for a Theme Night program that will find us taking some time for discussion and conversation together. Friends are always welcome, of course!

Topic: Senior High Fellowship Zoom

Time: Mar 21, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196012521>

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Art With Abby! Premiered This Week!

By popular demand, we are SO excited to be planning our next online video series for children and families, featuring our incredible Childcare Coordinator, Abby Johnstone! *Art with Abby* debuted on Tuesday, March 16th, at 3:00 p.m. (although children and families can then watch the video *any time* their schedules best allow!) and will run weekly for six weeks, through April 20th.

Abby (and perhaps some special guests from time to time) will be leading our children and families in creating a fun and creative art project each week, that can be done easily with art supplies around your home. Get ready to get creative and to make some art with Abby!



Facebook Live: Lenten Home Devotional with Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler Each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm

Dear FBC Beverly Members and Friends!

Blessings to you during this season! We invite you to use this year's Lenten Home Devotional each week as we walk towards the light of spring and Easter season together. This year, we invite you to journey with us through the darkness with the light and faith of God's steadfast love.

Please join members of our Spiritual Life Committee; Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler alternating weeks, on **Facebook Live on the Church's Facebook Page** (www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly) **each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00 pm EST** to supplement your home devotions. Bryan and Lisa will share the following dates in leading a brief time of devotions and prayer reflections on that week's worship theme. We hope you will join us in our prayerful journey through Lent (approximately 15 - 20 minutes per session).

Tuesday March 23rd - Basking in Divine Light - Lisa

Sneak peek at Episode 5 of FBC Beverly's Cloud and Fire Podcast

Are you ready for a sneak peek at Episode 5 of Cloud and Fire? This week, Jaimie's guest is the Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman. Lindsey is the Director of Clergy Excellence at the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Lindsey and Jaimie invite you to remember to slow down and to reflect on the things that are causing you grief, remembering that God is loving you through it all!

Listen to Cloud and Fire on Facebook, YouTube, and wherever you get podcasts. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram @cloudandfirepod. Our theme music is by FBC member, Rebekah Silva.



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Break!

Come and gather around the virtual table for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time
Time: Mar 18, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Friday on Facebook: Music with Esther

This Friday at 1 p.m. via Facebook Premiere on the [FBC Facebook page](#).

Esther performs Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini by Sergei Rachmaninoff. Delight your senses with one of the most beloved musical treasure!

Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and, Rev. Kent Harrop, premiere on Fridays at 1:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Please find them at www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly. You may access the videos on Facebook anytime, even if you do not have a Facebook account. You may also find the Friday videos on our [YouTube channel \(First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts\)](#). Our videos are available to you anytime as a spiritual resource. We hope they will be a blessing to you. Please feel free to share them as a resource for your loved ones.



New Welcome Class

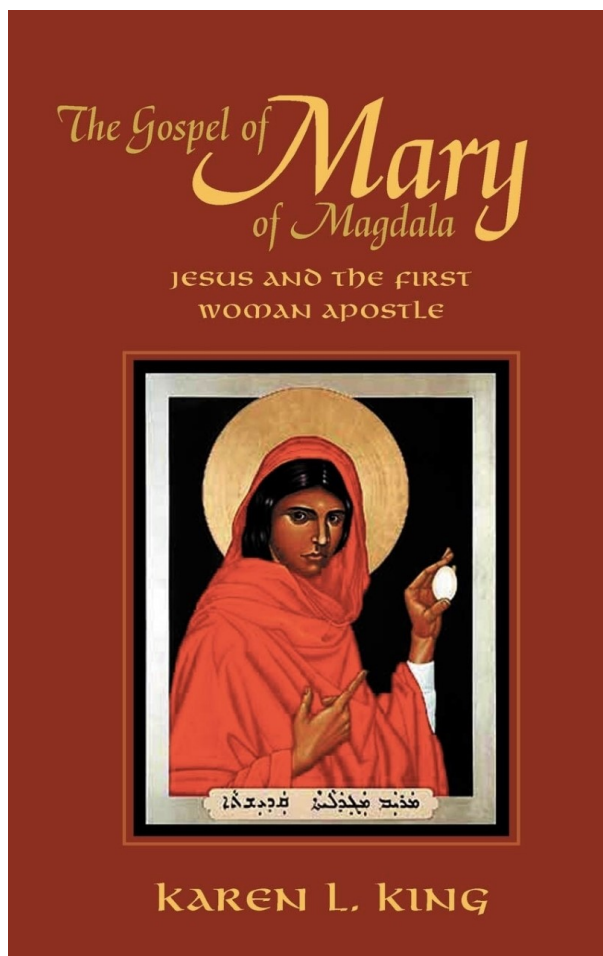
A new welcome class is forming via ZOOM for those who are newer to FBC and want to learn more about the vision, mission and values that make this congregation such a special place! This is also for those interested in becoming a member. Hosted by Kent Harrop, you'll have an opportunity to meet others new to FBC and meet some of the members and staff who make this place thrive. It's a great place to ask your questions. We will meet for four, one-hour sessions via ZOOM starting Mondays on March 29th at 7 p.m. This will be a relaxed and fun time. Email Kent to reserve your place: kharrop@fbcbeverly.org



New Book Study Forming for April!

Our last book study group (reading Marcus Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*) was so much fun that everyone agreed another book study group only made sense! HOWEVER you need not have participated in the Marcus Borg book study to take part in this class (and the reverse is also true – members of the Borg class are in no way obligated to attend this class – although of course it was such fun to be together that it would be great to be together again!).

Julie Flowers will be offering a new study group, beginning after Easter on Thursday, April 8th, at 7 p.m. and running for 6 weeks (on Thursday evenings) taking a look at Karen King's *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala: Jesus and the First Woman Apostle* together in class and conversation. As we will be moving in the season of Eastertide – particularly when we consider the vitally important role that Mary Magdalene and other women at the tomb play in the Resurrection story – it seems like a perfect time to consider not only the role of Mary as a disciple but, also, to read, think about, and engage with this noncanonical (meaning not in the Bible as we know it) text that was known and used by some early Christian communities. What might The Gospel of Mary of Magdala have to say to us now? Why is it *not* part of our contemporary cannon? What does it tell us about the role of women in the Jesus' movement? We will consider all these questions – and more! – together during this time.



This class is open to anyone within the church community who may be interested; please SIGN UP by emailing Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to be added to the class list and to receive updates, information, and, ultimately, the link to the zoom classroom! Participants can order the book through any bookseller (sadly it is not one that is as easily available through our favorite local bookstores, due to a more obscure publisher!). Here is one link to find the book, for reference: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/gospel-of-mary-of-magdala-karen-l-king/1102738177>. If you are having trouble finding a copy but would like to participate in the class, please reach out to Julie for assistance.

You can also reach out to Julie with any questions you may have about the class as it is coming together! Come and let's find out more about Jesus' first woman apostle together!

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, March 17

Episode 5 of "Cloud and Fire" podcast

Thursday, March 18

10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time

Friday, March 19

1:00 pm: Facebook: Music with Esther

Saturday, March 20

12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meal- to-go will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, March 21

10:00 am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)

11:00 am: What a Zoom Fellowship

11:15 am: Virtual Children's/Youth Sunday School

6:00pm: Senior High Zoom Fellowship

Monday, March 22

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, March 23

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

3:00 pm: Art With Abby Episode 2 on Facebook/YouTube

7:00 pm: Facebook: Lenten Home Devotionals with Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler

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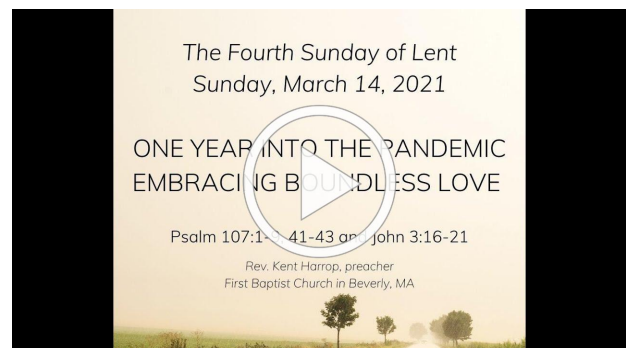
One Year Into a Pandemic: Embracing Boundless Love

Scriptures:

Psalm 107: 1 – 9; 41-43; John 3: 16-21

Preacher:

Rev. Kent Harrop



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