

encounters on the road to the cross

March 15, 2026

GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace		Bobby Rayburn
Invitation to Worship		
Prelude	<i>Jesu, Priceless Treasure</i> Dr. Lori Bade, piano, and Melvin Hale, organ	J.S. Bach
	<i>Jesu, Priceless Treasure</i> Sanctuary Choir	Life in Christ: Joy
*Call to Worship		Sean Sattler
Leader:	The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need; we are released from fear.	
Congregation:	The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.	
Leader:	Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.	
Congregation:	God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.	
Leader:	God will give us abundantly from God's own love.	
Congregation:	Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days, and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore. AMEN.	
*Hymn #65	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (vss. 1, 3 & 5)</i>	CRIMOND
*Invocation		Dr. Alissa Rowe

GATHER...TO WELCOME THE CHILDREN

The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.

Hymn #603	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	CHINA
	Jesus loves me this I know! For the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.	
Children's Sermon		Bobby Rayburn
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Ezell
Choral Praise	<i>With Wings As Eagles</i>	Benjamin Harlan
	We will rejoice in the Lord. We will rejoice in the God of our salvation. He never fails; is never weary; He gives His strength to the weak. Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles, They will run and not be weary, They will walk and faint not; will walk and not faint. Those who wait upon the Lord will have strength. If the trees never blossom, if no fruit is on the vine. If the fields yield no grain, if the herd is in the stalls, we will still rejoice in the Lord! We will rejoice in the God of our salvation. For we will mount up with wings as eagles. We will run and not be weary, We will walk and faint not. Those who wait upon the Lord will have strength.	

GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer		Jeff Patton
Offertory	<i>Adagio</i> Melvin Hale, organ	J.S. Bach
*Response Doxology #707	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100th
	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.	

GATHER...TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture	John 9:1-41	Dr. Leonard Ezell
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Hymn of Reflection #400	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	PRECIOUS LORD
	Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.	
	When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.	

Sermon	<i>Jesus Encounters a Blind Man</i>	Dr. Ezell
Congregational Call		

DEPART...TO SERVE

*Hymn of Response #405	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	BRADBURY
*Announcements		Dr. Ezell
*Benediction	Leader: God has called us through Christ to be children of light. May we bear witness in everyday life to the light of Christ, in goodness, justice and truth. And may God bless you for this mission, that you may be a blessing to all: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	
	Congregation: Amen.	
Leader:	Let us go and be the light of Christ to all who are willing to see.	
	Congregation: Thanks be to God	
*Postlude	<i>Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us</i> Melvin Hale, organ	arr. Mark Williams
	*The congregation is invited to stand.	

ministry opportunities

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 11:30 A Belles et Beaux
- 5:00 P Youth

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

- 10:00 A *God Said What?* Bible Study
- 11:00 A LLL Outing

Friday, March 20

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 7:30 P LSU Concert. See side for details

Sunday, March 21

- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 11:30 A Belles et Beaux
- 5:00 P Youth

To give online with [tithely](https://tithely.com)



STAFF

Dr. Leonard Ezell, *Senior Pastor*
Bobby Rayburn, *Associate Pastor of Young Families*
Dr. Alissa Rowe, *Director of Music and Worship*
Felicia Mullen, *Business Manager*
Katie Gilley, *Administrative Assistant*
Melvin Hale, *Organist*

LLL Outing...Thursday, March 19. LLL going to St. Francisville to eat at THE FRANCIS. Leaving church at 11 a.m. Lunch on your own. Sign up to ensure we have sufficient transportation. If you are willing to drive, let the office know.

LSU Concert...March 20, 7:30 P: LSU A Capella Choir and Symphony present Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*. Tickets are \$18 and available on the [LSU College of Music and Drama Website](#).

Affinity Groups...Our Affinity Groups are: Cooking with Bobby, our Average Church Band (David Mullen), cyber security (Jeff Patton), basic sign language (Janelle Teekel), genealogy (Jim Findley), basic German and French (Aiden Buyuk) and embroidery (Katie Gilley). If any of these interest you, sign up on sheets outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

Southeast Ministries...Our neighborhood food bank needs peanut butter and jelly.

Deacon Meeting...April 12, following worship.

Bible Studies..."*God Said What?! Wrestling with Cruelty, Violence, and Vengeance in the Old Testament*"
An honest approach to negative images of God.
Thursdays 10-11 AM in Church Conference Room
and Wednesdays 10-11 AM, in Common Grounds Cafe

OMG Breakfast...Last Wednesdays of the month at 10:15 AM at La Madeleine's on Jefferson. Gathering for men of the church.

Holy Week

- March 29: Palm Sunday
Children's Event after Church
- April 2, 6 P: Maundy Thursday Meal and Service
Sign up in the church office
- April 3, 6 P: Good Friday Service
- April 5: Easter Sunday

9755 Goodwood Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815

(225) 927-5454
www.broadmoorbaptist.com

**EMBRACE LOVE. EMBRACE GRACE.
EMBRACE THE WORLD.**



BROADMOOR BAPTIST church