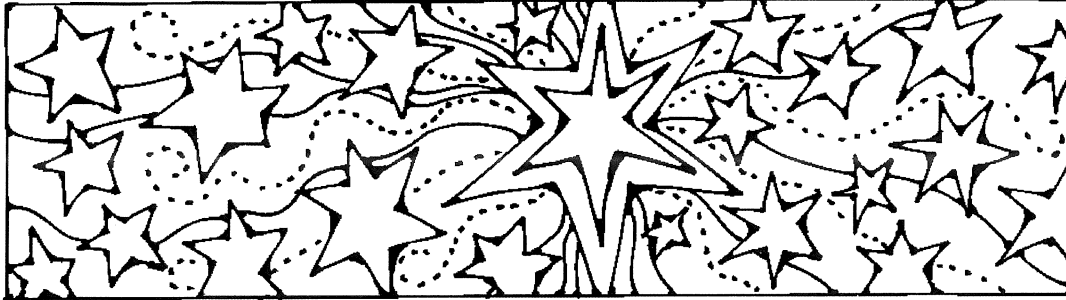


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 12, 2025 11:00 a.m.



First Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie
Beautiful Saviour

M. Duruflé
F. Peeters

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

Aurora (Sunrise)

O. Gjeilo

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)
Words © 1992 GIA Publications

FESTAL SONG
S.M.

N.C. A D A D A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A E D A Bm D#m7(b5) E A D A Esus E7 A
 G# F# E D C#

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to' the poor.
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have promised a lot:
 to gather us up, to be with us, to bless us with your spirit.
 However, we confess to a dissipation of energy,
 a lack of focus, an ease of distraction.
 Scrolling and posting, we lay waste your promises.

In December we stumbled towards Bethlehem;
 in January we worry and wonder
 about the world around us near and far.

None the less, we claim your promises through your grace.
 Gather us up. Be with us. Bless us with your spirit.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:14-17

Page 131, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

D. Evans

WORDS and MUSIC: David Evans (20th c.)

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Unison

D F#m7 Bm Em7 A

1 Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho-ly One, is here.
2 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a-round;
3 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place,

D F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A

Come, bow be-fore him now, with rev-erence and with fear.
he burns with ho-ly fire, with splen-dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min-is-ter his grace.

G A D G A D
 G F# G G F#

In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
 How awe-some is the sight, our ra-diant King of light!
 No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.

G A F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A D

Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

LITANY

One: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

Many: Creator God when we are distracted, be with us.

One: When you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

Many: Creator God when we are wasting our time, be with us.

One: When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

Many: Creator God when we are looking away from what matters, be with us.

ALL: I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#423 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

IN BABILONE

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-); para. Isaiah 12:1-6
MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.

IN BABILONE
8.7.8.7.D.

Words © 1982, 1990 Hope Publishing Company

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

1 Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
2 Make God's deeds known to the peo-ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

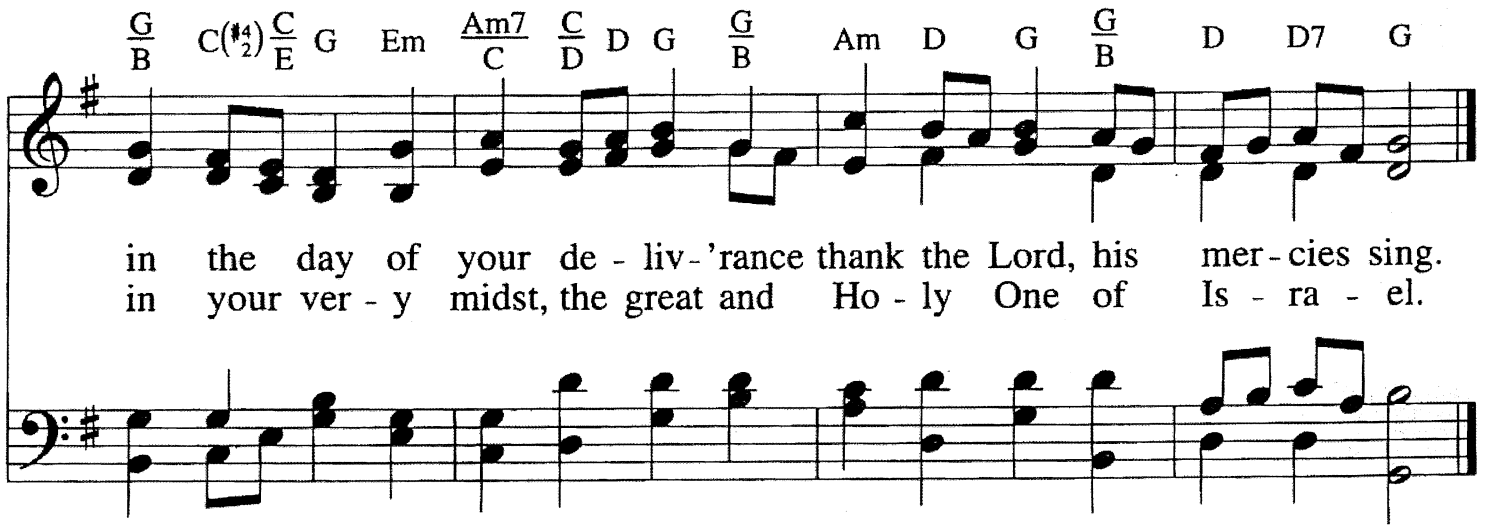
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For the Lord de-fends and shields me and his sav-ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might pro-claim.

Em Dm C $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{E}$ E Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em D Em A Bm $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D

So re-joice as you draw wa-ter from sal-va-tion's liv-ing spring;
Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,

$\frac{G}{B}$ $C(\frac{\sharp 4}{2})$ $\frac{C}{E}$ G Em $\frac{Am7}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am D G $\frac{G}{B}$ D D7 G



in the day of your de - liv - 'rance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 in your ver - y midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

SECOND READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Page 745, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

First Snow

O. Gjeilo

***New Doxology**

Marco Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;

F $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I, the Lord, will smile up - on you and give you peace:

$\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat Cm $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ Dm Gm9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

$\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat 2 B \flat $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing— you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.
 Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you and give you peace.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Instrumental Benediction**

Invocation

D. Bedard

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata gloriosa (New Year Toccata)

F. Bräuer

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

Prayers of the People - Rev. Amanda Strain;

Scripture Reading - Noa Wirzba & Brian Wirzba;

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist, Choir Accompanist

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council