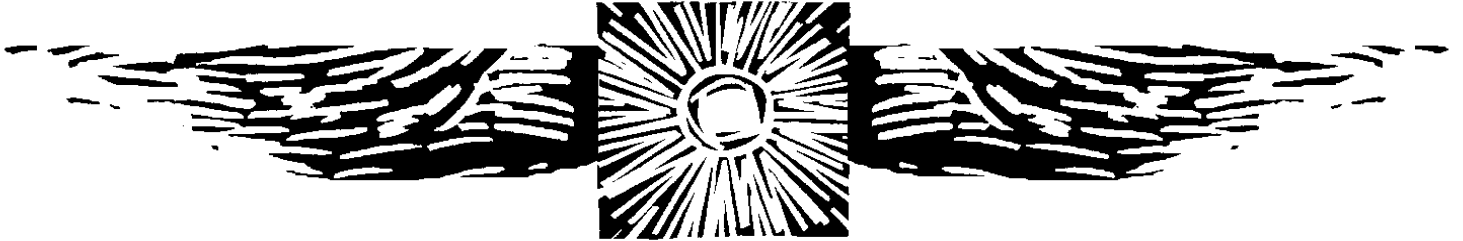


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

February 16, 2025 11:00 a.m.



## *Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany*

### **PRELUDE**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

arr. C. Callahan

### **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **INTROIT**

May the Words of My Mouth

arr. C. Dyck

### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

G D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  G  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G D  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  G  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

G  $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{C}{E}$  G D G D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am  $\frac{G}{B}$  D

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

G  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D7}{A}$  G C  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D G Em  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## **\*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** (Adapted from re-worship blogspot)

**Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not always lived up to the  
example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
In Your mercy, hear our prayer of confession.**

**We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us;  
to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own,  
to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious.  
Forgive us.  
Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.**

**We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest;  
putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others,  
hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely.  
Forgive us.  
Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.**

**We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies:  
to pray for their well-being,  
to act in their best interests,  
to leave thoughts of vengeance behind.  
Forgive us.  
Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to 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

Psalm 1

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## LITANY (B. Prewer)

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

**Many: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

**Many: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

**Many: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

**Many: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.**

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

**Many: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#515 Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

*Unison* F Gm7  
F

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

*Gm7* *C7* *F*

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

*F* *F7* *Bb* *C7* *F* *Dm* *Gm6* *A7*

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

*Dm* *Bb* *C7* *F* *Dm* *Gm7* *C7* *Bb* *F*

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

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)  
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**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION**  
#97 Meekness and Majesty

G. Kendrick

*Unison*

C Am Em Am7

1 Meek-ness and maj-es-ty, hu-man and de-i-ty,  
2 Fa-ther's pure ra-di-ance, per-fect in in-no-cence;  
3 Wis-dom un-search-a-ble, God, the in-vis-i-ble;

C Am D7  $\frac{Dm}{G}$  G7

in per-fect har-mo-ny, the One who is God.  
yet learns o-be-di-ence to death on a cross.  
love in-de-struct-i-ble in frail-ty ap-pears.

C  $\frac{C}{Bb}$  F F#dim7

Lord of e-ter-ni-ty, dwells in hu-man-i-ty;  
Suf-fering to give us life, con-quer-ing through sac-ri-fice;  
Lord of in-fin-i-ty, stoop-ing so ten-der-ly;

Em Am7 Dm G7 C

kneels in hu - mil - i - ty and wash - es our feet.  
 and as they cru - ci - fy prays, "Fa - ther, for - give."  
 lifts our hu - man - i - ty to the heights of his throne.

Dm7 F/G G G/F E7 G/A Am

O what a mys - ter - y, meek - ness and maj - es - ty;

F#dim7 C2/G Am7 Dm7 G7 Ab Bb C

bow down and wor - ship, for this is your God.

WORDS and MUSIC: Graham Kendrick (1950- )  
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## SECOND READING

Luke 6:17-26

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. T. Shaw

\*New Doxology

Marco Arida

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

#591 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

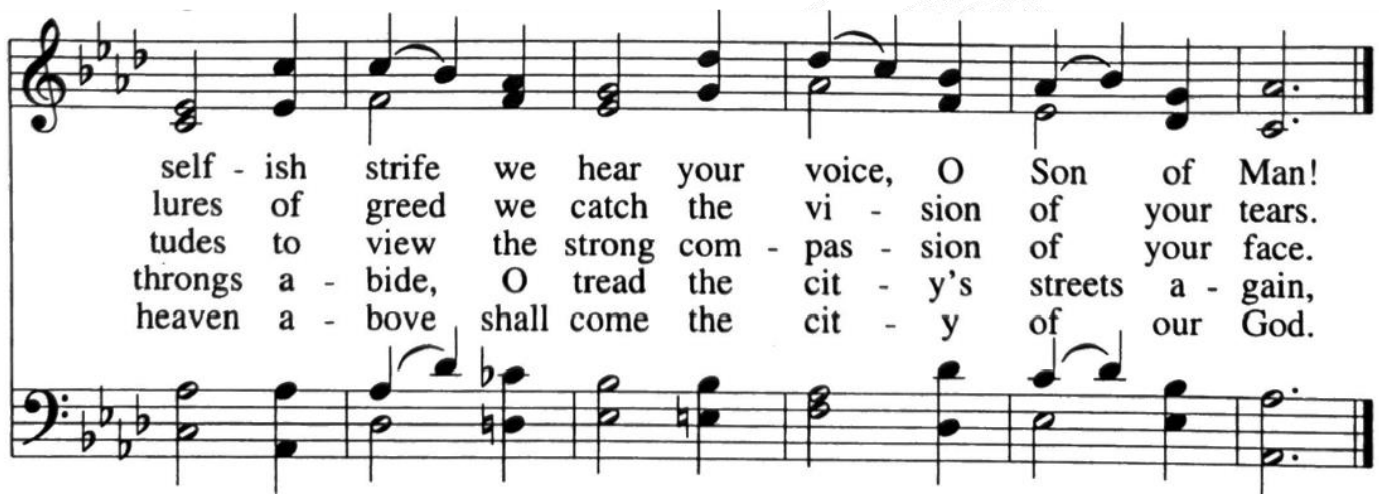
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1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 Till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low

Eb/G Cm Fm/Ab Eb/Bb Bb Eb Ab Eb7sus/Bb Eb7/Bb

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 where your feet have trod: till glo - rious from your





self - ish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man!  
 lures of greed we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion of your face.  
 throngs a - bide, O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,  
 heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.

WORDS: Frank Mason North (1850-1935)  
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

GERMANY  
 L.M.

### **\*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.

### **\*Benediction**

Be the Love of Christ

M.E. Showalter

### **\*The Sending of the Community**

### **\* Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

### **POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. T. Shaw

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
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