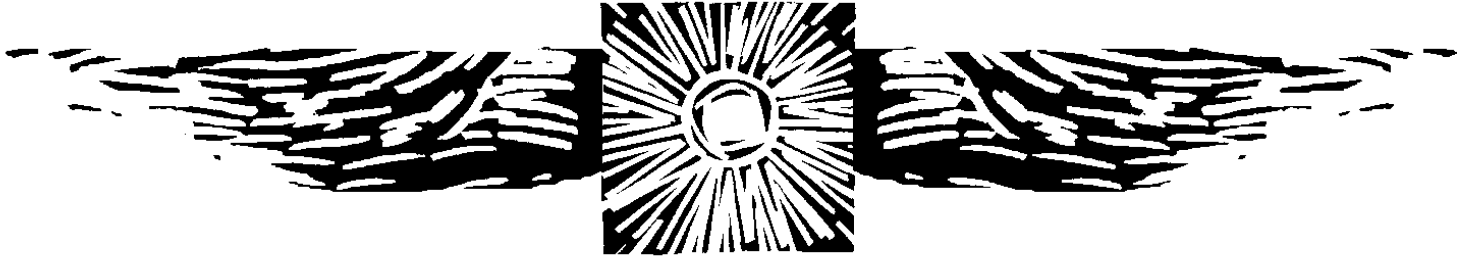


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 2, 2025 3:00 p.m.



The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

PRELUDE

Variations on PUER NOBIS

M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (by Kathleen Thomerson)

HOUSTON

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#505 Be Thou My Vision (tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull)

SLANE

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor the world's emp - ty praise;
4 High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 high King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***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

**Giver of life and every breath,
you made us a people to dwell together in harmony,
but we have distanced ourselves from your love
and built walls between us.
Privilege, patriarchy, and prejudice
have silenced and disempowered many.

But you call us to action and transformation.
Help us to see ourselves in every living being on earth.
Mold us into a unified community that reflects your justice.**

(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.**

ANTHEM

Ancient Words with "Amazing Grace"

P. Keveren

FIRST MEDITATION

Judges 4:4-10

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

Dawn Stiles

Read from the NRSV Bible

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

PUER NOBIS

Text: Latin (*O amor quam*, 15th cent.); tr. Benjamin Webb (1819–1885).
Music: Melody Trier MS (15th cent.); adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621);
harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934).
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LM
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us he was bap - tized, and bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his

heart with ec - sta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast, and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs, and

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 hu - man frame for us, and to this lost world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self but us.

SECOND MEDITATION

Matthew 2:9-15

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

Jo-Ann Badley

Read from the NRSV Bible

***HYMN OF APPROACH**

#166 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

PLEADING SAVIOR

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks in up - on our dark - ness; splen - dour bathes the
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh - joined Word. Mos - es and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

T. Shaw

***New Doxology**

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**

Marco Arida

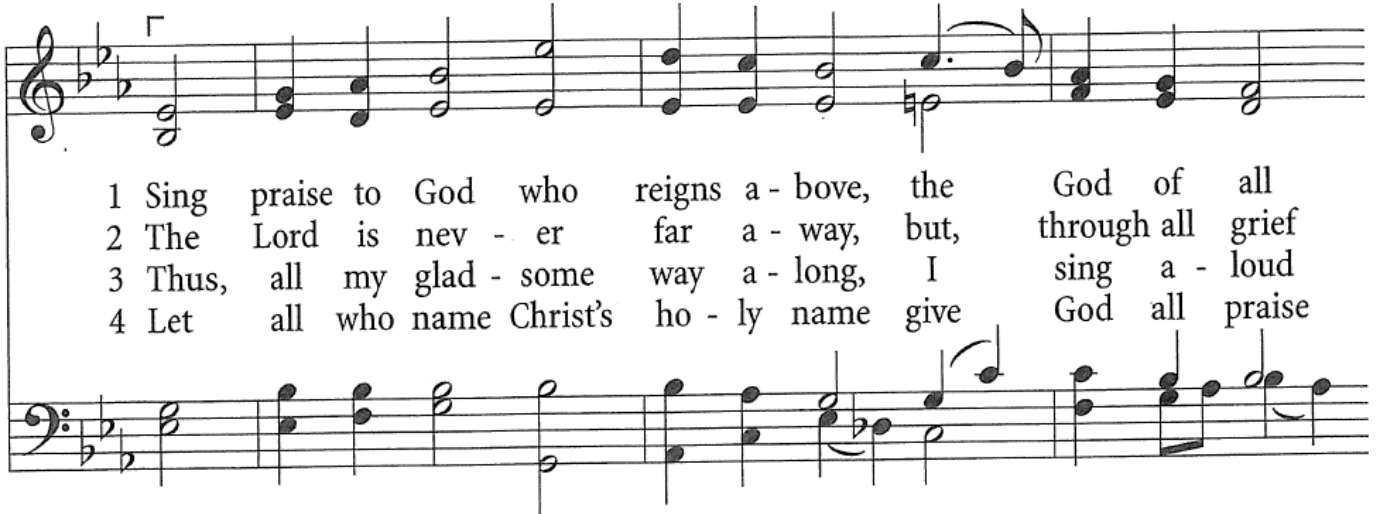
*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#310 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox)

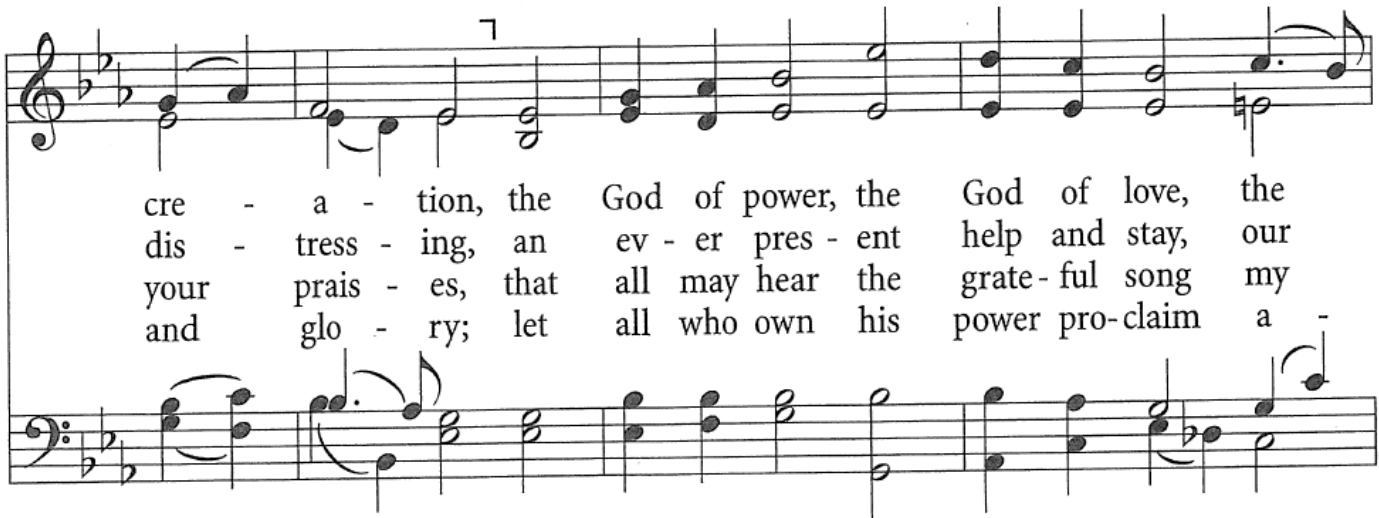
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Text: Johan Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897).
Music: Melody *Kirchensänge*, Berlin, 1566; arr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

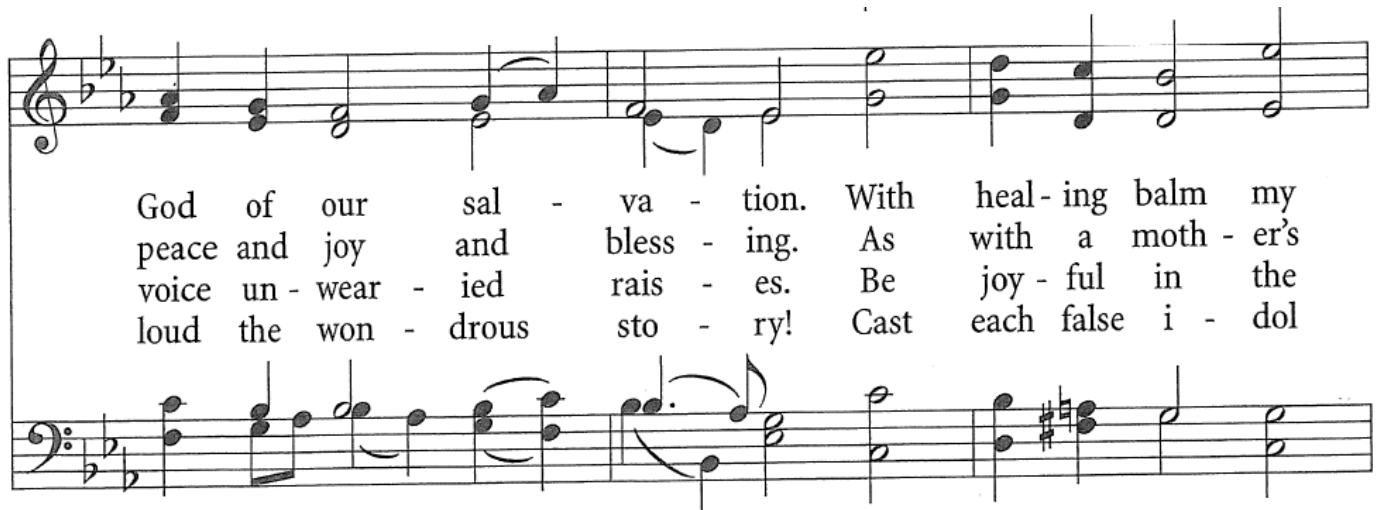
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Lower key 218, 419



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
3 Thus, all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our
your prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my
and glo - ry; let all who own his power pro - claim a -



God of our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my
peace and joy and bless - ing. As with a moth - er's
voice un - wear - ied rais - es. Be joy - ful in the
loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol

soul is filled and ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
 ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the chos - en band:
 Lord, my heart; both soul and bo - dy bear your part:
 from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ a - lone:

to God all praise and glo - ry.

***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.

***The Sending of the Community**

*** Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Festive Finale

P. Lehenbauer

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship – Rachael Borley;

Scripture Reading – Esther Steeves, Alex Bayne;

Communion Preparation – Darren & Lynn Martin, Allan Effa;

Video & Sound Technician – Evan Adams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council