

FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 1, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Intrada in G Major

P. Fey

Prelude on CWM RHONDDA

B. Carlson

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus, Stand Among Us

BEMERTON

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

HOLY MANNA

WORDS: Ken Bible (1950-) and George Atkins (18th c.)
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; attr. William Moore (19th c.)
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1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
 3 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
 see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
 Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
 Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.

***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

**Merciful God,
we confess our sins as a church:
we have not loved one another as Christ loved us,
and we have not given ourselves in love and service for the world,
as Christ gave himself for us.**

**Father, forgive us.
Send your Holy Spirit to us,
to give us power to live as, by your mercy, you have called us to live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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

Psalm 126

Read from the the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Come, Now, Spirit of God

J.M. Martin

RESPONSIVE READING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We said farewell to one shepherd and leader.

Many: But we celebrate those who have led us through a difficult time.

One: We have come through fire and dislocation.

Many: But we have received hospitality and a renewed house of worship.

One: We have searched and prayed for a leader.

Many: And God heard our plea and provided.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Day

L. Garrett

WORDS and MUSIC: Les Garrett (1944-); para. Psalm 118:24

Words and Music © 1967 Scripture In Song (a div. of Integrity Music)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8

Read from the the NRSV Bible

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

ADDRESS TO JEREMY

Rev. Craig Traynor

ADDRESS TO CONGREGATION

Rev. Amanda Strain

VOWS

Rev. Allan Effa

Minister's Vows

I, by the grace of God,
accept the call to serve as shepherd of this congregation.
I vow to faithfully preach and teach the Word of God, to lead with humility,
and to serve with compassion.
I will pray for this church, guide it with wisdom,
and walk alongside its members in times of joy and sorrow.
By the help of the Holy Spirit, I will live as an example of Christ's love,
seeking always to glorify God in all I do.

Congregation's Response

**We receive you as our minister, committing to pray for you,
support you, and work with you in the mission God has given us.
We will listen to your teaching, join you in service,
and walk together in unity,
so that Christ may be honored in our life together.**

Joint Commitment

**Together, we pledge to seek God's kingdom first,
to love one another deeply, and to serve our community
with grace and truth, until the day Christ returns.**

*HYMN OF APPROACH

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)

MUSIC: American melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace (1919-)

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Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'I Come with Joy'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the staves, there are five lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of the music. The lyrics are: 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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

The communion offering for the month of March is designated to Voices Awake Malawi

Offertory

I Come With Joy

D. Cherwein

*New Doxology

M. 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

We Have Seen God's Loving Kindness

arr. J. Vette

Text: Dan Coleman
Music: Joachim Vette

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: 1. We have seen God's lo - ving kind-ness, a; 2. And in times of tri - bu - la - tion when; 3. We have joined in Yah - weh's bles - sing through; 4. Praise to God! We sing the sto - ry of

ri - ver rol - ling full and strong,
 bro - ken - ness is all we see,
 this our faith com - mu - ni - ty.
 Yah - weh's faith - ful con - stan - cy.

bring - ing hope, re - deem - ing sad - ness, and
 we have known our Lord's com - pas - sion and
 Be - ing blessed, in our turn bles - sing, we
 Ga - ther - ing us all to - ge - ther here

set - ting hearts at li - ber - ty;
 we have felt God's hea - ling hand
 seek jus - tice and har - mo - ny,
 in this bu - sy ur - ban heart,

e - ver - flow - ing al - ways con - stant,
 in our spir - its, minds, and bo - dies,
 ask - ing God for this our ci - ty,
 ce - le - brants of life a - bun - dant,
 cur - rent of well - be - ing and peace.
 tou - ches of well - be - ing and peace.
 full - ness of well - be - ing and peace.
 bear - ers of well - be - ing and 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.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

B. Portman

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Leading Worship - Rev. Allan Effa, Rev. Craig Traynor, Rev. Amanda Strain;
Guest Choir Conductor - Dr. Gord Adnams;
Communion Preparation - Laurie & Jake Scheffer, Brandon Robinson;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister
Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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*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