



Persian miniature depicting Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.



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A saint is one who exaggerates what the world neglects.

-G.K. Chesterton

Gathering Music

“People Need the Lord”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Second Sonata (Mvt 1)”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

Invocation

Choral Call to Worship

“Prepare Ye the Way”

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* Call to Worship

Leader: What is a blessing?

People: More than just a good thing that makes us happy, not exactly a sign that we're God's favorite,

All: a blessing reveals God's priorities and God's presence.

Leader: Who is blessed?

People: Not only people with plenty, and more than enough, not just people who have it all together, photo-ready,

All: blessed are those this world looks down upon, overlooks, and tramples over.

Leader: What does it mean to be blessed?

People: To see the kingdom of heaven, to choose to live in it, risks and all,

All: and to know God is with us, come what may.

Leader: Blessed are we when we recognize God's presence and live for God's glory.
Let us worship God together.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 158)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

* Responding in Peace (CONG 155)

"We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"
SIYAHAMBA

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]
We are singing, oh we are singing for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

Call to Prayer (CONGR 399)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Every word you speak can be sustenance for those who would live today in your kingdom, O God. We confess that we would prefer to skim over some, though. Every blessing you pour out brings light into the shadows of this world, that all may see. We confess that when we see what comes along with some blessings, though, we would rather not. Every person you call into your way of life changes the flavor of the world, until everyone can taste and see that you are good. We confess that we feel too small to make much difference, so we'd rather just be more palatable and blend in. Forgive us, Holy One, when we choose to opt out of your kingdom of heaven come on earth. Forgive us when we choose the world's shallow blessing instead of your deep grace. Forgive us when we ignore the little things in your word, even as they add up.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

As forgiven and free followers of Christ, your lamps are re-lit and your lives are re-salted. Go now and recognize yourselves as the image of God, revealing a holy presence and purpose.

Morning Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Prayer"
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-16

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 259, Verses 4 and 5)

"Blest Are They"

BLEST ARE THEY

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Psalm XIX"

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joanna Gillette

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

FBC Worship Band: Marylee Southard, Fran Hopkins, Nancy Smith, Kari Bruffett, Glenn Prescott

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Susan Pauls

Sound: Chad Johnston

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Evangelical Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Jim Kelsey, serving churches in New York State

International Ministries Missionary: Melanie Baggao, serving in Lebanon

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