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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, for he specializes in radical reversals. He not only repudiates physical and spiritual death, he turns around the social structures of death. Let us watch Jesus and turn our world right side up. Let us turn around police abuse, child abuse, brutality against women, brutality against men. Turn around homophobia and xenophobia. Turn around sexism, classism, ageism, and colorism....Let us turn our world right side up. - Prathia Hall

Gathering Music

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro

Leader: Come to the mountain – not because you already understand, but because you want to see Jesus.

People: Come to the mountain – not to get something no one else has, but because you want to see Jesus.

Leader: Come to the mountain – not to stay forever in holy stasis, but because you want to see Jesus.

People: We come to see, to hear, and to follow.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 161)

“See Our Lord in All His Glory”

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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.

* Responding in Peace

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONG 409)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
CONVERSE

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

We think we want to see you Jesus, revealed in all your fullness, among us here and now. We confess that we have no idea what we're asking for. We think we understand who you are, the Son of the Living God. We confess that we have no idea what that means once we've said it out loud. You, Lord, call us to say no to ourselves and yes to the cross, to let go of the life we thought we needed so that we can take up the life you intend for us. We admit that we don't feel ready for any of it. Forgive us when we shield our eyes, unwilling to see what your light reveals. Forgive us when we are overcome by fear, stuck and unable to move outside ourselves. Take us by the hand today and set our feet on your path out into the world, carrying the reflection of your glory in our faces and lives as we go.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The God of brilliant grace has been revealed to us anew! Receive the promise of forgiveness with fresh eyes.

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

"Total Praise"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Community Witness: Lawrence Ministerial Emergency Fund

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.24-28

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"With New Eyes"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 162)

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

WHISENHUNT

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Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Rise Up in Glory”

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Flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by the Pauls family in honor of Lauren & John’s birthdays (2.20/2.23) and in memory of Susan’s dad, whose birth date is Feb. 26.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro

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

Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Matthew Johnston Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest Welcome Table: Tim & Nancy Bonner

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lutheran Campus Ministry

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Edgardo Manuel Caraballo Marín, serving Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico

International Ministries Missionaries: Ann & Bruce Borquist, serving as global consultants

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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