



"Transfiguración del Divino Salvador del Mundo"
(*"Transfiguration of the Divine Savior of the World," San Salvador*)



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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To put it simply: the Holy Spirit bothers us. Because he moves us, he makes us walk, he pushes the Church to go forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: 'Ah, how wonderful it is to be here like this, all together!' ... But don't bother us. We want the Holy Spirit to doze off ... we want to domesticate the Holy Spirit. And that's no good. Because he is God, he is that wind which comes and goes and you don't know where. He is the power of God, he is the one who gives us consolation and strength to move forward. But: to move forward! And this bothers us. It's so much nicer to be comfortable.
—Pope Francis

Gathering Music

“The Heart of Worship”

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“Here I Am to Worship”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Calvin Ingham

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

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* Call to Worship

Abigail Aronhalt

Leader: Come into the Messiah's bright and dazzling light—

People: the day of God's kingdom dawns.

Leader: Come to learn from the Son of Man—

People: the One who makes sense of this human life.

Leader: Come to follow the Son of God who shines with love and power—

People: who lights our way into a world in need of good news.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 161)

“See Our Lord in All His Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

* Passing of the Peace

Ardis Smith

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 (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.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, We are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing) Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing), Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

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

* Gospel Reading

Sam McCoy
Mark 8.27-9.8

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Sung Call to Prayer (CONGR 404, vs. 5)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
NEED

I need Thee every hour, most Holy one; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Spoken Call to Prayer and Psalm Reading

Rev. Dr. Bob Johnston
Psalm 116.1-5, 16 (NLT)

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Kolby Betts

You invite us to a new way of life, O God—based in honesty and trust, following you into the fullness of life and death and new life, with all the ups and downs. We confess that we don't like to think of the hard parts, and we prefer to turn away when we see suffering coming. We admit that we have even tried to protect you, stepping in front and trying to change your way to fit our own comfort and idea of success. Guide us to take our proper place following you, rather than trying to lead. Show us how to orient ourselves to you, so that your light shines out through us.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Kolby Betts

As the heavens opened God spoke and proclaimed that Christ was the chosen one; listen to him. Our Savior proclaims that all who truly believe are cleansed of their sin. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God at Work: What FBC Means to Us

Leon McCoy

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Sentences of Stewardship

Cheyenne Whitker

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Aiden Mack

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"A Diehard Gospel"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 162)

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"
WHISENHUNT

Life of the Church

Benediction

Lydia Johnson

Postlude

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"
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The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Verlin Gilbert in memory of Suzanne Gilbert.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgists: Scouts from Troops 60, 6060, 64, and 6064

Organist: Evelyn Falen

Flute Soloist: Andrew Lord

Livestream Video Crew: Glenn Prescott, Matthew Johnston Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Brian D. Johnson, serving churches in Michigan

International Ministries Global Servant: Stan Slade, global servant in theological education

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
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