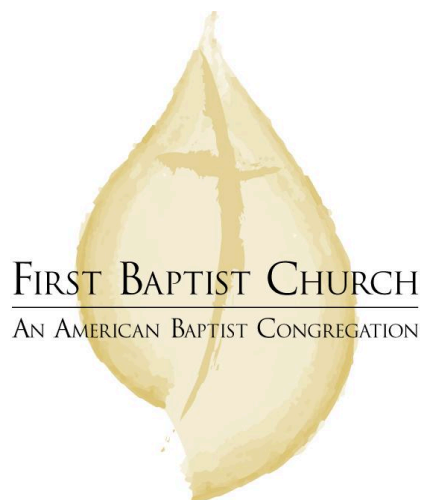




Tombs of the Kings, Paphos, Cyprus
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ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
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[The ending of the Gospel of Mark]...preserves the fear and hope of a people who suffered on account of this good news, and leaves the question ever before the reader: How will you respond to the empty tomb?

— Judy Fentress-Williams

Gathering Music

“Resurrection Medley”

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“Sing Hallelujah”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Joanna Gillette

Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette

Leader: Come — new day has dawned,

People: the first day of a new creation!

Leader: Look up and see what God has done —

People: the stone is rolled away, once and for all!

Leader: Christ is going ahead of you

People: and we must share the good news!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 194)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

Celebration of Baptism of Pennington Marie Gray

* Gloria (CONGR 705)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

* 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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Psalm Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Psalm 118.21–27

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Ministry of Music

“Coronation”

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Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Litany of Affirmation

Leader: We wake this day to a new world, O God, for you have changed everything:

People: Christ is alive!

Leader: We thank you for new light that shines, and for messengers that explain when we can barely believe our eyes.

People: We take a deep breath, a pause to take it all in....

Leader: We hardly know how to be grateful for the impossible thing you have done.

People: We praise you for your power that rolled back the stone, and for your grace that invites us all, even when we have failed to live up to your vision.

Leader: You are already a step ahead, going before us into the world and calling us to join you there.

People: We pray you would give us eager hearts and open eyes, to look past our fear of the unknown that in Christ’s resurrection we too may be raised into the light of new life in your kingdom. With mourning turning to dancing and joy overcoming despair, we offer our praise!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

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 (CONGR 198)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

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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

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Mark 16.1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"The Gospel of Unfinished Business"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 207)

"Low in the Grave He Lay"
CHRIST AROSE

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

"Hallelujah!"
George Frederick Handel, ed. T. Tertius Noble, rev. Max Spicker. In *The Messiah*.
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Postlude

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Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen • Guest Musician: Dwight Purvis, French horn

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Susan Pauls • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Story Hill Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith, serving churches
in Pennsylvania and Delaware

International Ministries Global Servant: Ruth Vindas, serving in Costa Rica

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