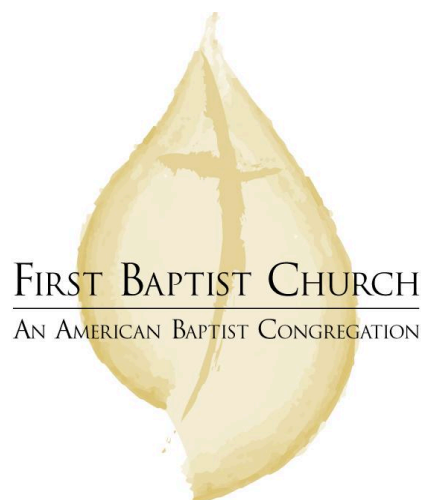




*"Ascension"*  
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 7, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*...the message of the gospel is not a series of doctrines but a series of events. What we proclaim is not our knowledge of theories or doctrines, no matter how true these may be. What we proclaim are events, the actions and the promises – for the latter are simply future events – of God in Jesus Christ.*

– Justo Gonzalez

Gathering Music

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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“We Will Glorify with Our Great Savior”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Christ Arose!”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Joe Karnes

Leader: Christ is risen –

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Now what?

**People: Remember what he told us. Remember what he did. Remember that he died...**

**All: And remember that wasn't the end of the story!**

Leader: He has appeared to Simon! He has appeared at the table! He has appeared alongside us!

**People: And he has both gifts and work still to give.**

Leader: Christ is risen –

**All: He is risen indeed!**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 197)

“We Welcome Glad Easter”

ST. DENIO

\* 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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\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Mark 6.7-13

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Living God, you are always at work, even when it seems to us that nothing is happening. We confess that we would like you to hurry up. The world needs you to act, to fix the problems, to make peace, to restore us to the glory days we think we remember. We keep waiting for you to do something, wondering why there's so much suffering and so little help. But because we do not want to hear you ask us the same question, we confess that we have not prepared ourselves in community nor in prayer. Forgive us when we ignore the power of your Holy Spirit challenging us to carry out your will. Give us the patience to listen, the power to put prayer into action, and the courage to do the work you have given us to do.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear this good news: you are not defined by your mistakes or failures. In Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, new life is not only possible, it is here. Let the seed of forgiveness grow and bear fruit for God's kingdom.*

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.**

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Matthew Johnston

Offertory

"That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Acts 1.1-14

Scripture Response

"Go Ye into All the World"  
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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"Chief Witnesses"

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion (CONGR 203)

"Day of Arising"  
BUNESSAN

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread and Cup

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
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\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 622)

"He Lives"  
ACKLEY

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

"Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!"  
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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*Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams*

*Liturgist: Joe Karnes*

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

*Livestream Video Crew: Brandon Gillette, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Glenn Prescott*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: The Anchor Church*

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin Jr.,  
serving churches in the Philadelphia Baptist Association*

*International Ministries Global Servants: Jeanine & Walt White, serving as International Ministries global consultants*

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