



"Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue"
James Tissot



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 12, 2025
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

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What would change in our lives and in our churches if we stood in the pews on Sunday morning and declared to God and to one another, "God gives us no other day than today to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and new beginnings to all who have failed"? Jesus went forth in the power of the Spirit as an agent of God's mercy to the downtrodden, and so do we.

—Robert M. Brearley

Gathering Music

"Lord, Reign in Me"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Joanna Gillette
Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to God the glory of his name.

People: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

Leader: The Lord is enthroned forever.

People: May God give strength to the people and bless the people with peace!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 158, vss 1-3)

"Jesus Shall Reign"
DUKE STREET

* 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 (CONGR 158, vs. 4)

"Jesus Shall Reign"
DUKE STREET

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Old Testament Reading

Joanna Gillette
1 Kings 17.7-16

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

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love and serve the Lord.

Morning Prayer and The 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

"Bethlehem Wind"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Luke 4.16-30

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"An Unexpected Jesus"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 426)

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

STORY OF JESUS

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Praise Our God”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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Liturgist: Joanna Gillette • Organist: Evelyn Falen • Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Chancel Choir Guest Flutist: Carol Watgen

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Brandon Gillette • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Bible Chapel

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Mike Sisson, serving American Baptist Churches in West Virginia

International Ministries Global Servant: Sara McCloy, serving in Japan

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