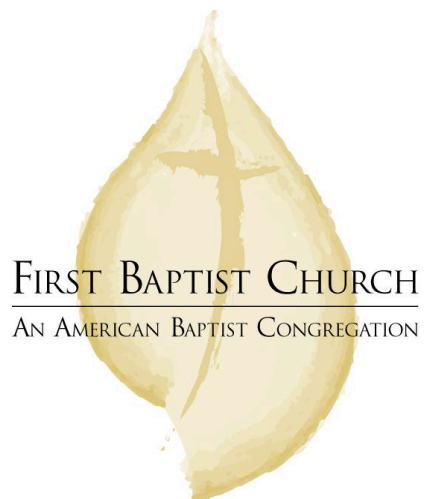




The Empty Tomb  
Stained glass, Saint James the Greater Catholic Church, Concord, NC



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
RESURRECTION SUNDAY  
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ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*That is the first, and that is the only message of Easter: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and is not to be found where the dead are. He told us this, and it is so. He is out there ahead of us, and our job is to spread the good news that he lives; and, by the way, relax, stop worrying, stop thinking that it all depends on you. It has been accomplished. It has been done.*

—Peter J. Gomes

Gathering Music

“Resurrection Medley”

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“Sing Hallelujah”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

\* Gospel Reading

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Luke 23.54–24.10

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Prelude

“Alleluia!”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

**People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 194)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

Celebration of Baptism of William Preston Knight

\* Hymn of Response

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

WHEN THE SAINTS

\* 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.*

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

\* Responding in Peace (vss 1 & 5)

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Psalm Reading

Aimee Omohundro  
Psalm 118.21-29

Children's Sermon

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 622)

“He Lives”  
ACKLEY

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Litany of Affirmation

Leader: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed.

**People: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ received forgiveness of sins through this name.**

Leader: They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest.

**People: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ received forgiveness of sins through this name.**

Leader: And Jesus commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God.

**People: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ received forgiveness of sins through this name.**

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

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“It is Finished” with “Because He Lives”

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"I Get Knocked Down..."

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 198)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
LLANFAIR

\* Life of the Church

\* Choral Benediction

"Hallelujah!"

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

"Toccata from Symphony #5"

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Liturgist: Aimee Omohundro

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: River City Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. David Gregg,  
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International Ministries Global Servant: David Sagar, serving in India

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**Matt, Kimberly, Ethan, and Addison Sturtevant with William Bellew**, in memory of wife, mother, and grandmother Marie Bellew

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