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AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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...Negative Capability (is when people are) capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason.

– John Keats

Gathering Music

“Blessed Assurance”

(Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: What does the Lord require of you,

People: but to do justice,

Leader: love kindness,

People: and walk humbly with God?

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 310)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* 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!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 349, v 1)

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in Christ, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Prelude in E Major Op. 28 No. 9"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those headed to Children's Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

**Rev. Cheryl Harader
1 Corinthians 12.12-14**

Sermon

**Rev. Cheryl Harader
"Why I Am a Baptist"**

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion (CONGR 184)

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
ST. CHRISTOPHER**

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread

"Love Divine"
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Celebration of the Cup

"Love Divine"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 482)

“Here I Am, Lord”
HERE I AM, LORD

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Guest Preacher: Rev. Cheryl Harader

Liturgist: Shane Schenkel • Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Choir soloist: Stephanie Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Carson Stoops, Susan Pauls • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Heritage Baptist Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Mark Click,
serving the American Baptist churches of Ohio

International Ministries Global Servant: Christine Lafferty, serving in Nicaragua

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