



*"Born Again"*  
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
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FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
11:00 A.M.

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*To be human in an aching world is to know our dignity and become people who safeguard the dignity of everything around us.*

—Cole Arthur Riley

Gathering Music

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sam M.

Prelude

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Payton

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**People: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 33)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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\* 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 635 v 1)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”  
SOJOURNER

Children’s Sermon

Kolby B.

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

“This Little Light of Mine”

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Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

Anders J.

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

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

Calvin I.

Offertory

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charlie L.

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

John 3.1-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"A Teacher Learns to Hope"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 435)

"Share His Love"

SULLIVAN

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

"Largo"

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

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Scout Troops 60 & 6060

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

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

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Baptist Temple

American Baptist Churches, USA: Acting Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Anicento Sustache,

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International Ministries Global Servants: Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga, servicing in the Dominican Republic

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