



*"Baptism"*  
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026  
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP  
11:00 A.M.

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Priest at my elbow is of the essence! We are priests to each other. *I do not priest me. I priest you and vice versa. On this the community of witness takes its rise. Without it no church exists at all.*

– Carlyle Marney

Gathering Music

“Wondrous Love” (Medley)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Jesus Loves Me”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Aimee Omohundro

Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God’s commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 617)

“Heavenly Sunlight”

SUNLIGHT

WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

Celebration of Baptism of Nova Brown

Rev. Cristina Adams

Hymn of Response (CONGR 449, v 1)

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

\* 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 2)

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshipped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony of your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.*

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

"The First and the Last"

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Children's Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams  
"Why I Am a Baptist"

## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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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. Matthew Sturtevant  
Ephesians 4.11-16

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"Why I Am a Baptist"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 587)

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

NEW BRITAIN

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

"Toccata in E minor"

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Local Church: Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
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