



"First Apostle to the Apostles"
Icon painting by Mary Jane Miller

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
RESURRECTION SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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...as we journey with these unlikely men and women, as we step into their stories, we may just discover that the Resurrection is not just a past event. The Resurrection is an invitation into something new; something unexpected; something unlikely.

– Rachel Billups

Gathering Music

“Were You There?” with “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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“Resurrection Medley”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

* Gospel Reading

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John 20.1-2, 11-18

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Prelude

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest

Leader: This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God’s people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 194)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

* 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 (Chorus ONLY)

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Psalm Reading

Hannes Combest
Psalm 118.21-29

Ministry of Music

“In Thee is Gladness”
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Children’s Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 208)

“He Is Lord”
HE IS LORD

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Litany of Affirmation

Leader: Glory be to you,

People: God, our strength and our redeemer.

Leader: The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

People: So fill your people with joy and your Church with celebration...

Leader: ...that the world may know that your holy Son Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate, but the living Lord we worship,

People: to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be our praise forever.

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.

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Call to Communion (CONGR 198 vv 1-2)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
LLANFAIR

Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread

“Gather Us In”
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Celebration of the Cup

“This Is the Day of New Beginnings”
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Communion Response (CONGR 198 vv 3-4)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
LLANFAIR

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

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Because He Lives”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

“It Was for You”

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 207)

“Low in the Grave He Lay”

CHRIST AROSE

* 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

“Tocatta from Symphony #5”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Liturgist: Hannes Combest • Bell Choir Director: Becky Harris

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Brandon Gillette • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Morning Star Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Gilbert Foster,

serving the Growing Healthy Churches association of churches

International Ministries Global Servants: Debbie & Keith Myers, serving in Mexico

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2026 Easter flowers on the altar are given by:

Dava Cooper, in memory of Dave and Dottie Nordlund
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John Pattinson, in memory of Janice Pattinson
Andi Treon, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Treon, and Reginald A. Huck



Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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