



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Father, you are drawing all humanity towards Jesus, whom you lifted up. May we recognize Jesus calling us by name, and approach him and remain in him. May the Spirit impart Jesus' life to us. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"Prelude"
(César Franck)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

*The Introit

"Christ, Be Our Light"
(Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

* Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

#233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, you on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

Confession of Sin

Norma Holtslander

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“One Day”

#170, v. 1,2,4,5

**One day when heaven was filled with his praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin—
Dwelt among us, my example is he!**

**Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
Buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely forever:
One day he’s coming—O glorious day!**

**One day they led him up Calvary’s mountain,
One day they nailed him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected;
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he.**

**Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
Buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely forever:
One day he’s coming—O glorious day!**

**One day the grave could conceal him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then he arose, over death he had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore.**

**Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
Buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely forever:
One day he’s coming—O glorious day!**

**One day the trumpet will sound for his coming,
One day the skies with his glory will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine!**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 68

Leader: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

All: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Leader: With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.

All: You ascended the high mount, leading captives in your train and receiving gifts from people, even from those who rebel against the Lord God's abiding there.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

All: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

*Gloria Patri

#623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-15, 31-36

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You Must Be Born"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Take the Name of Jesus with You”

#116

**Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe.
It will joy and comfort give you, take it then where'er you go.**

**Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**Take the name of Jesus ever as a shield from every snare.
If temptations 'round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.**

**Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**Oh, the precious name of Jesus, how it thrills our souls with joy;
All the favour of the Father in this name we may enjoy.**

**Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

**At the name of Jesus bowing, when in heaven we shall meet,
King of kings, we'll gladly crown Him when our journey is complete.**

**Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Senger

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Chris Senger

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing “See Our Lord in All His Glory” (Tune: CWM Rhondda, #51)
(Ken Bible)

**Jesus Lord, we see your splendor here and now by daily faith.
In our service, in our suffering we will follow unafraid,
On from glory into glory
Till we see you face to face, till we see you face to face.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing “Batalha Do Sexto Tom” Xavier Russell-MacLean
(Pedro de Araújo)

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to be invited to a group and hear how others are doing.