



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Father in heaven, you sent Jesus to be the light in the darkness. You sent your Spirit to be the mind of Christ in us. You have called us as a group to allow this light to be seen by others. May we esteem one another according to your teaching, and not the values of the world. In your name and for your honour, we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*The Introit

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”  
(Paul Baloche)

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you, we turn to you.**

**Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you, we long for you.**

**When we’re with you, we find strength to face the day,**

**In your presence all our fears are met, and from our hearts we say:**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Life-light of God shine on us, you bring the age of ages.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Kayely Rich

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play (younger group) and Oasis (older group).*

**O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;  
We praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth, o’er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav’n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.**

**It floateth like a banner before God’s host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon, above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass that, o’er life’s surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.**

**O make thy church, dear Saviour, a lamp of purest gold,  
To bear before the nations thy true light, as of old.  
O teach thy wand’ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“Remember Me”  
(Pepper Choplin)

Sanctuary Choir

*For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 7.*

# **We Listen to God**

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Scripture Reader

Barry Lyons

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (pp. 166-167, New Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 112:1-10

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

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

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

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

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**All: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.**

Leader: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**All: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever;**

Leader: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away;

**All: The desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**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: Matthew 5:13-20 (p. 4, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“This Little Light of Ours”

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Celebrate**

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\*Hymn of Approach

**“Agnus Dei”**  
(Michael W. Smith)

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.**

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**Alleluia. Holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**You are holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty.**

**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.**

**Amen.**

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed..., saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

I am so glad that our Father in heav'n  
Tells of his love in the book he has giv'n;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see—  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget him and wander away,  
Still he doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to his dear loving arms would I flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

O, if there's only one song I can sing  
When in his beauty I see the great King,  
This shall my song in eternity be:  
“O, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!”

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”  
(Arr. Jeff Sotropa)

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,  
He has washed and made me white as snow.  
I’m redeemed from all my sin and shame.  
Now and forever, praise his holy name!  
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!  
To God be the glory now and forever,  
Praise his holy name!**

\*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Postlude in E Minor”  
(Bach)

Mark Anderson

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends” — an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

For those of you on Zoom, after the Music for Departing, a breakout group 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 the group and hear how others are doing.

Lyrics for “Remember Me”

Come now and gather, the table is ready, and know that my spirit is there,  
For wherever you gather, my spirit will be. Remember, remember me.

Come take the bread, come drink the cup, for this is my blood shed for you.  
I gave my life to set your soul free. Remember, remember me.

I suffered the torment, I felt all the pain; I bore all the shame and disgrace.  
Then I died forsaken on Calvary’s tree. Remember, remember me.

Come take the bread, come drink the cup, for this is my blood shed for you.  
I gave my life to set your soul free. Remember, remember me. (3x)

Coming up in February...

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Saturday, February 11th	Ladies Fellowship Breakfast
Tuesday, February 21st	Shrove Tuesday Festival
Wednesday, February 22nd	Ash Wednesday Service

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