



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: God, on the holy mount you revealed to witnesses your well-beloved Son transfigured: grant to us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by your grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

“We Have Come to Join in Worship”

(Words by Ken Bible and George Atkins; Tune: “Joyful, Joyful” #1)

**We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down;
Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.**

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

*Hymn of Praise

“Only A Holy God”

“Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson”

The children are invited forward before going downstairs for their own time of worship.

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only our holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice? Only our holy God.

(Refrain:)

Come and behold him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God. Come and worship our holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead?

What other name remains undefeated? Only our holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only Son?

Who else invites me to call him, Father? Only our holy God. *(Refrain)*

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Hymn of Approach

“Transfiguration Hymn”

(Words by Ken Bible; Tune: Cwm Rhondda, #51)

**See our Lord in all his glory, now arrayed in dazzling white!
See him shine in holy splendour, bathed in everlasting light!
See the law and prophets gather, lifting high the Living Christ!
Lifting high the Living Christ!**

**See the cloud of ancient fire guiding through our wilderness.
Hear the voice of God our Father. Hear the love his words express:
This, my Son, is pure and pleasing. Hear the blessing that he brings!
Hear the blessing that he brings!**

**Jesus Lord, we see your splendour 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.**

Gift of Music

“Lift Your Eyes and See the Glory”

Sanctuary Choir

(Joseph M. Martin; based on tune, “Hyfrydol,” by Rowland H. Prichard)

Lift your eyes and see the glory, Christ adorned in majesty,
Shining bright upon the mountain, to the world, a mystery.
With the ancient prophets standing, Christ appears in garments white,
Covered by a cloud of glory, clothed in everlasting light.

Like a star, his face was shining, he who was the light of all,
And his faithful friends beheld it, filled with wonder and with awe.
From the sky, a voice was speaking, “This is my beloved son.”
Words fulfilling all the prophets, coming from the heart of God.

This our shout of acclamation: Christ the Son is King of kings.
He is holy, he is worthy, he is Lord of everything.
Glory, blessings, laud and honour be to Christ, the Lord of grace.
Fill your heart with alleluias. Christ is worthy of all praise!
Christ is worthy of all praise!

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Barry Lyons

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-32

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 99

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion; the Lord is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is the Lord!

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among the Lord's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

All: The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

Leader: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

All: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 12:13-24, 32-34

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Loralyn Lind

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Response

“All Your Anxiety”

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**Is there a heart o’erbound by sorrow? Is there a life weighed down by care?
Come to the cross, each burden bearing; all your anxiety—leave it there.**

(Refrain:)

**All your anxiety, all your care, bring to the mercy seat, leave it there,
Never a burden he cannot bear, never a friend like Jesus!**

**No other friend so swift to help you, no other friend so quick to hear,
No other place to leave your burden, no other one to hear your prayer.**

(Refrain)

**Come then at once; delay no longer! Heed his entreaty kind and sweet,
You need not fear a disappointment; you shall find peace at the mercy seat.**

(Refrain)

*The 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 one, holy, universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns. *(Repeat)*

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.

The Words of Consecration

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

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

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Departing

“His Glory and My Good”

by City Alight

**I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold him the more he satisfies
When I gaze upon his beauty when I see him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good**

**There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good.**

(Refrain:)

**To our God be the glory, to our God be praise -
He alone - the name above all names.
I will boast ever, only in the Lord my God
For I know his glory is my good.**

**See the open arms of Jesus Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me For His glory and my good**

**Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood,
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good. *(Refrain)***

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Loralyn Lind

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.