

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

January 22, 2023

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
by Albin Whitworth

Invocation

Dr. Brown

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 8**

How Great Thou Art

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Proclamation Litany

Congregation

Leader: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: At the beginning your Spirit was at work brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: In the time of Noah, you destroyed the wicked and cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire, you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring, who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life. As he suffered for us, the piercing of his side brought forth water and blood.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: That we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, Christ sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe. He sends us out to proclaim the gospel to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: Therefore, saving God, we bless you for the water with which you bless us. We pray that as we come to the waters of life, we will live in your grace, sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that all who are gathered under this sign may be one in Christ.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Leader: We give you praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

- * Offertory Hymn, No. 362** *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN
- * Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Lauren Cole
- Offertory** Mrs. Slomanski
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand arr. Diane Bish
- * Offertory Response** *Doxology* OLD 100TH (altered)
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- We invite children to come forward for the Children's Sermon at the conclusion of the *Doxology*. Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.
- Children's Sermon** Dr. Brown
- Worship Through Song** Congregation
 Come to the Water KELERIN
- The Gospel Reading** Matthew 3:1-17 Dr. Brown
- Sermon** What Is the Significance and Importance of Baptism? Dr. Brown
- * Hymn of Commitment, No. 364** MARYTON
 Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine
- * Benediction** Dr. Brown
- * Postlude** Mrs. Slomanski
 Thine Is the Glory George Frideric Handel



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Allen Cook on his birthday by Myrtle (Mom) and Haywood Corbett.

The Proclamation Litany was copied from *The Worship Sourcebook*, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.

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How Great Thou Art

There is none like unto ... God — Deuteronomy 33:26 KJV

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
 2. When thro' the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, And take me

all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y
 die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my bur-den
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble

*roll-ing thun-der, Thy pow'r thro'-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
 moun-tain gran-deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze:
 glad-ly bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 ad-o-ra-tion, And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - lor God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

WORDS: Stuart K. Hine, 1899-

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11.10.11.10. with Refrain

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*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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Baptized in Water

We were therefore buried with him through baptism — Romans 6:4 NIV

Unison

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing His
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of one Fa - ther, We are His

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

WORDS: Michael Seward, 1932-

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic; arr. Mark Hayes, 1953-

BUNESSAN

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Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine 364

He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him — Matthew 3:16 NIV

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Dove di - vine, On these bap -
 2. We love Your name, we love Your laws, And joy - ful -
 3. We sink be - neath the wa - ter's face, And thank You
 4. And as we rise with You to live, O let the

tis - mal wa - ters shine, And teach our hearts, in
 ly em - brace - Your cause; We love Your cross, the
 for Your sav - ing grace; We die to sin and
 Ho - ly Spir - it give The seal - ing unc - tion

high - est strain, To praise the Lamb for sin - ners slain.
 shame, the pain, O Lamb of God, for sin - ners slain.
 seek a grave With You, be - neath the yield - ing wave.
 from a - bove, The joy of life, the fire of love.

WORDS: Adoniram Judson, 1788-1850
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, January 22**
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. **Monday, January 23**
Children's Music Activity
- 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, January 25**
Quarterly Church Conference
- 6:00 p.m. **Thursday, January 26**
Bible Study
- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, January 29**
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Baptist Men's Sunday during
Morning Worship with a light
luncheon immediately
following worship, sponsored
by Baptist Men
- 4:00 p.m. **Monday, January 30**
Children's Music Activity
- Deacons of the Week**
1/15 Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
1/22 Kate C. Lee / Ron Walters
1/29 Janice Young / Mel Ray
2/05 Tricia Sanderson / Ella Jo Sellers



Ministerial Staff

Dr. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor
Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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