



The First Baptist Church at Worship
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 19, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- Prelude and Fugue in a minor J. S. Bach
- Adagio in a minor J. S. Bach
- Chorale and Variations: "Schmucke dich" Johann Gottfried Walther

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

We Are Standing on Holy Ground Geron Davis

*We are standing on Holy Ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on Holy Ground.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#52 *O Worship the King*
LYONS

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." These may be some of the best-known words in the Bible, but in 1835, Robert Grant wrote a text that helps us see the creation story in a new light. His meditation on the creation theme of Psalm 104 consists of six verses that parallel the six days of creation. But rather than simply paraphrase the psalm or the first two books of the Bible, Grant focuses on how creation is a testimony to God's "measureless might." And Grant's beautiful text doesn't stop at Genesis Two. Rather, in the fourth and fifth verses we celebrate God's saving grace to his creation. When God took that seventh day of rest, he was not signaling an end. He continued to bless His creation, even those as feeble and frail as us. In the last verse, Grant points to Christ as the ultimate reconciler of a broken, but still beautiful creation. An original last stanza that we no longer sing reads, "The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Thy praise."

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

Jeanne Kallenberg

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the

seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#614 *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*
McDANIEL

Rufus Henry McDaniel was ordained to the ministry in the Christian Church in 1873. He penned this hymn in 1914 after the tragic loss of his youngest son Herschel in 1913. Composing the text of this uplifting and jubilant gospel hymn was his way of honoring the memory of his son.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See last page)

(Vs. 1 & 4) *Lord, Be Glorified*
ADORATION & PRAISE

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In my heart, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my heart, Lord, be glorified today.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. David Coggins

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Climbing Up the Mountain Children William Henry Smith

*Climbing up the mountain children. Oh Lord, I didn't come here for to stay,
Oh brother, if I never more see you again, gonna meet you at the judgment day.
Moses went down in the Egypt land; He told ole Pharaoh, that the Good Lord sitting on His
Heavenly throne, said let my people go. Good Lord, let my people go.
Children in the fiery furnace, they did begin to pray, and the angel of the Lord
put the fire out. That sho was a mighty day
Daniel in the den of lions, He did begin to pray, and the
angel of the Lord, locked the lions jaw, that sho was a mighty day.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Mountaintop Experiences"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#395 *Open My Eyes That I May See*
SCOTT

This hymn was written in 1895 shortly before the author's death. Each stanza reveals an increasing receptiveness to the "Spirit divine." Open eyes lead to "glimpses of truth." Open ears lead to "voices of truth." An open mouth leads to sharing the "warm truth everywhere." An open heart leads to sharing "love to thy children."

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Variation on "Schmucke dich" Johann Gottfried

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

COVID-19 Update: Montgomery County is in the "Low" COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended actions at the low level read this way: "Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses. Maintain ventilation improvements. Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions." For more information see www.cdc.gov.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Elizabeth Ard	Tim Earnest	Judy See
Bartlett Family	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Bayless Family	Bev & Bill Harrell	Chas Snyder
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Emily Taylor
Gerald Busch	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Lasley Family	Amy Wadham
Tami Malone Charles	Gene & Mary K Lee	Kay Wingham
Cowden Family	Mary Malone	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Brett Domescik	John & Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Peacock Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of February 19 – 26

Sun. 19	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	1-3p	Visitation with Bartlett Family at Routsong
Mon. 20	11:00a	Memorial Service for Paige Bartlett at FBC
Wed. 22	12:15p	Ash Wednesday Liturgy Service (Christ Episcopal)
	4-6p	"Ashes to Go" (Outdoors Christ Episcopal)
Thu. 23	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 26	10:00a	Worship Service – 1 st Sunday in Lent
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12-3:30p	BYF Bowling Outing (Capri Lanes)

Memorial Service for Paige Bartlett

Paige Bartlett's memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church on Monday, February 20 at 11:00 AM, with interment to follow at Woodland Cemetery. A visitation will be held at Routsong Funeral Home (2100 E Stroop Rd) on Sunday, February 19 from 1-3 PM.

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 22

For Ash Wednesday, we will again partner with Christ Episcopal Church on 20 W First St. We encourage you to consider attending their Liturgy Service at 12:15 pm in person or online, or come receive "Ashes To Go" outdoors on their Reconciliation Labyrinth where pastors from both churches will be present from 4-6 pm.

Secret Place Booklets

The new Secret Place booklets are available and are located in the literature racks in the narthex and in the hallway near the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION

Shaping Worship at First Baptist

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

February 5-19 in the 1st Floor - Chapel

Join us for a three part series that seeks to share how we as a staff shape the worship services for First Baptist. We'll start by taking a broad look at the Christian Liturgical Year, and how and why it informs our local liturgical decisions and practices. Then we'll learn about our music ministry and what is involved in the preparation of the music for worship. Finally, we'll gain some insight from our pastors about their own preaching practices--their style, how they prepare, how they create a sermon. We hope this series will give you a better sense of all that goes into our worship life, and perhaps inspire you to somehow share in the ways it is shaped.

BYF Bowling Outing

Sunday, February 26th

Noon - 3:30pm



Our next BYF Gathering for youth in grades 6-12 will entail an outing to Capri Lanes (2727 S. Dixie Ave.) on Sunday 2/26. We'll plan to carpool from the church around Noon and return in time for pickup at 3:30pm. Friends of youth are always welcome, but will need a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form turned in if they need transportation to/from the bowling alley. Those forms are available on the table outside the church office. And to those of you out there who may be envious and want to bowl--you can show up, too, and hang out. I'm sure there will be room ;). ~Pastor Jason.

Welcome Class

You may be new (or sort of new!) to our church and would like to get to know more about our congregational life, or you may be interested in becoming a member. Pastor Kent Berghuis will be offering a Welcome Class during the month of March from 11:30-12:15 on Sundays, beginning March 5 in his upstairs office. Let us know if you plan to attend by yellow card in the offering baskets, email kberghuis@fbccdayton.org, phone/text 937-344-7775, or tell Pastor Kent in person. Come and get to know each other and our church better, and become a part of the good things we have going on together!

Baptism: A Call to Discipleship

The Season of Lent will soon be upon us, and has traditionally been a time of preparation for those contemplating their baptisms and decisions to follow Christ. And so, we are once again inviting folks to consider the call of Christ on their lives, and their readiness to answer that call to follow by passing through the waters of baptism.

If this is a conversation you would like to have, please speak with me (Pastor Jason) or Pastor Kent. This can involve a series of one-to-one conversations or be part of a small group experience. Often when there is more than one person wishing to be baptized we form a Discipleship Class that meets together to share our stories, our beliefs, and talk about the meaning of baptism and following Jesus.

We already have one young person who has expressed a desire to be a part of these baptism conversations; so if there are any others who want to join us, please let me (Pastor Jason) know. We are tentatively looking at having four Sunday sessions from February 26 through March 19; however, we can be flexible with scheduling. Please note that at the conclusion of these conversations one does not have to be baptized. There is always room to say, "No" or "Not yet." As the preacher Fred Craddock would say, it makes the "Yes" all the more meaningful.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS STARTS FEB. 26

"Loss, Grief, and Lent"

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

February 26 – March 26, 2023

Facilitator: Rev. David Coggins

Week 1 – Feb 26

"Counting our Losses" – Genesis 2:15-17

Week 2 – Mar 5

"The Rooster Crows" – Luke 22:55-62

Week 3 – Mar 12

"Let's Make a Deal" – Matthew 4:1-11

Week 4 – Mar 19

"Reality Check" – I Samuel 16:1-5

Week 5 – Mar 26

"Rebirth" – Ephesians 5:8-14

The road to Calvary was littered with losses and grief. Just ask the disciples. Not every day walking with Jesus was characterized by the song "Oh Happy Day". Ash Wednesday is a waypoint in our spiritual journey that redirects us for a time down the path of reflection and confession on the meaning of our walk with Jesus.

For this season of Lent the Adult Sunday School Class will give an opportunity for us to share together our life journeys through the experiences of loss and grief under the revealing light of some familiar Lenten texts. The longer we live, the more opportunity we have in our life to experience the loss of persons, pets, possessions and lifestyle that have had significant meaning for us. There are few places where we can talk about our experience of loss and grief. Our hope is that this class will provide a place for you to share your experiences as well as to hear the experiences of others so that you do not feel alone in your walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

The class format will be interactive dialogue between participants guided by the facilitator. Everyone will be given opportunity to share from personal experiences as they feel comfortable. Together as a group we will share strategies that have helped us to move past our losses in order to can embrace a rebirth in our own spiritual walk. Privacy and respect will be given to all participants who share or choose not to share personal stories.



AN INVITATION! BELL CHOIR FOR LENT/EASTER

Through the year, our Board of Christian Education will be exploring a variety of ways to help us connect and reconnect as a church. A recent idea was to form a bell choir that would commit to practicing music together for a definite period of time and then offer that music in worship. Knowing that being part of such a choir is a real commitment and that the season of Lent is upon us, we would like to invite any youth (grades 6-12) and adults to join the bell choir as a lenten spiritual practice.

THE COMMITMENT: The choir would meet and rehearse on four Sunday mornings in Lent—March 5, 12, 19 & 26—from 11:30am-12:15pm in the Choir Room. The bell choir would present their music in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9 (arriving for an 8:30am final rehearsal that day). Participants would need to be present for all rehearsals, and of course Easter Sunday, in order to have a functioning bell choir (imagine the difficulty of playing a guitar with missing strings, or a piano with missing keys).

If you would like to join the bell choir and/or have questions, please connect with Michael Wadham (misterwadham@gmail.com).

Grace UPON Grace America for Christ Offering 2023

MARCH OFFERING

*“From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ.” John 1:16-17*

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the 2023 America for Christ Offering which seeks to raise \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministries through our churches and community partners across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our gifts to this offering support regions, churches, and community organizations with grants for a variety of purposes, including: Chaplaincy and spiritual caregivers support; aid for children living in poverty; new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; promoting discipleship. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus’ disciples in 2023 by supporting this year’s America for Christ Offering. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks next month.

Heritage Committee: Call for Volunteers

The Heritage Committee is gearing up for the church’s big Bicentennial Year in 2024. We have many projects that we could use volunteers to help on:

- First is the sewing of special banners for the sanctuary. The banners have been designed by Janet Lasley but the volunteer would need to purchase materials and create the banners with a deadline of December of this year. We would love to be able to hang them for most of the church year.
- Second is scanning and cataloguing of the many photos that have been collected. While the originals will be eventually placed in the archives at Wright State, we need scanned versions of the pictures to use in our updated church history and to create a digital church “photo album”. Guidelines for this have been developed.

Contact Donna Miles Curry (937 470 5643 or donna.curry@wright.edu) if you need more information or can help us out.

CALL TO PRAYER

(Verses 1 and 4)

182 LORD, BE GLORIFIED

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Psalm 24:10*

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,
2. In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

1.
be glo-ri-fied; In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
be glo-ri-fied; In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to -

Verses 3, 4

2.
day. 3. In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,
4. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
be glo-ri-fied; In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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