



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
February 11, 2024 ~10:00 AM



PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Sacred Sounds for Organ ..... George Shearing

Based on Early American Hymn Tunes

Middlebury	Antioch
New Britain	Land of Rest
Happy Land	Restoration

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

*He Has Done Great Things for Me*  
Jessy Dixon

*He has done great things for me, great things, great things.  
He has done great things for me. He will give your victory.  
I gonna let my little light shine.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*(Psalm 50:1-6)*

\*OPENING HYMN

**#158** *Jesus Shall Reign*  
DUKE STREET

*Jesus Shall Reign* reflects an 18th-century vision of the world church. Rooted in the language of Psalm 72, Isaac Watts paraphrased this psalm in ways that reflected his time and the geo-political position of England and the rise of the British Empire. The presence of Moses and Elijah during the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior confirms and bears witness to His reign as Lord of all. Let us lift our voices as we sing this powerful hymn on this special day in the church universal.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Barry Schlaile

**2 Kings 2:6-12:** Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty

men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**Mark 9:2-9:** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen 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 (SEE PG. 7)**

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*  
GENEVA

The three disciples who witness Jesus' encounter with Moses and Elijah on a mountainside are flummoxed by what they see and can only think to suggest building the three men shelters. But setting up "sacred booths" is not what they are called to. Rather, they are to follow their Savior "through the valley to the cross" and test "faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss." It's a strikingly succinct summary of all that is to follow in the gospel story.

**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 (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

**CALL TO PRAYER (SEE PGS. 8-9)**

*Order My Steps*  
Glenn Burleigh

**Order my steps in Your word, dear Lord. Lead me, guide me,  
every day. Send Your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps  
in Your word. Please, order my steps in Your word.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND  
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  
Directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell

City Called Heaven ..... Josephine Poelinitz

*I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow,  
I'm tossed in this wide world alone,  
No hope have I for tomorrow,  
I've started to make heav'n my home.  
Sometimes I am tossed and driven, Lord,  
Sometimes I don't know which way to turn.  
I've heard of a city called heav'n,  
I'm trying to make it my home.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

***"God Shines Forth"***

## The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (SEE PG. 10)

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*  
RATISBON

Of the many great hymns by Charles Wesley, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" is considered one of his best. American Methodist hymnologist Robert McCutchan quotes hymnal editor Alexander MacMillan saying it is "one of the greatest morning hymns in our language, but it is more. It is a glorious hymn to Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, the Light of the World."

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**#522** *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*  
ST. PETER

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Toccata on "All Creatures of Our God and King" ..... setting by Darwin Wolford  
(Lasst Uns Erfreuen, 1623)

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

*Please drop off 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.

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.fbcdayton.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.)*

Jason Alspaugh	Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Elizabeth Ard	Lavanda Ferguson	Kaye Suryk
Glen Babb	Barbara Jett	Thorstenson Family
Jessica Blair	Ray Landis	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Harold West
Don Brown	Dana Liss	Dorothy Williams
Rob Brown	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Bogan/Bryant Families	Tom McKenzie	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Gerald Busch	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domesicik	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Riese Family	Kyle Kline
Jim Earnest	Judy See	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

### Week of Feb. 11 – 18

Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	12:15p	.....	BYF Bowling Outing
	4:00p	.....	Dr. David Crean Organ Recital
Mon. 12	12-2p	.....	Heritage Committee
Wed. 14	Noon	.....	Ash Wednesday Svc (CEC)
	4-6p	.....	Ashes to Go (CEC)
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 15	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes

### February Church Meetings

Heritage Committee: Monday, Feb. 12 @ 12-2pm

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Feb. 14 @ 6:30pm  
--CE Board will not meet; next meeting will be March 13--

Executive Council: Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30pm

**Adult Sunday School Offering**  
**Early Christian Scriptural Interpretation:**  
**Seeing Christ in the Whole Bible**

Led by Dr. Michael Cox  
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
February 4 – 25 in 1st Floor Chapel

Early Christians saw the Incarnation as the culmination of a series of Old Testament theophanies—(i.e., “appearances” or “manifestations” of God)—understanding them as appearances of the preincarnate Christ—that is, as “Christophanies.” This class will explore how the Christological interpretation of Old Testament theophanies helped shape a distinctive early Christian reading of the Bible, producing a coherent scriptural narrative leading from Genesis through Sinai and Zion to Jesus. Over the course of the class, we’ll explore together several of these passages from both the Old and New Testaments in order to better understand and employ this early Christian approach to scripture in our own Bible study, prayer and worship.

**BYF Bowling Outing to Capri Lanes**

**Today! Feb. 11 @ 12:15-3:00pm**

*(NOTE: We will carpool to/from FBC)*

As we start a new year we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) / 937-631-3579). Printed copies are available outside the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

**ORGAN RECITAL**

**Dr. David Crean**

**Today! Feb. 11 @ 4pm**

**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

Thanks to the generous support of church members Tim and Connie Holmen, we will be favored with another wonderful organ recital this year at First Baptist Church of Dayton. This afternoon at 4pm Dr. David Crean will present a wonderful program of organ music that will showcase our unique installation here at First Baptist. He will perform works by Bach, Sweelinck, Distler, R. Vaughan Williams, and an arrangement by Alec Wyton on a work of Billy Strayhorn called Lotus Blossom. Dr. Crean will also play an arrangement of We Shall Overcome by Carl Heyward. The concert is free to the public along with parking. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the church. Dr. Crean can be heard daily as an announcer of WDPR-88.1 FM Dayton Public Radio. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Wright State University and organist at St. George’s Episcopal Church on Far Hills in Centerville. He is the newly appointed conductor of the Bach Society of Dayton.

**Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14**

Traditional Worship Service with Eucharist

Noon @ Christ Episcopal Church

Rev. Jason Alspaugh, preaching

Ashes-to-Go

4-6pm @ Christ Episcopal Church

**Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton Presents**

**HEALING TOGETHER**

**PTSD Awareness & Role of Faith in Healing**

Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 3:00-5:00pm

Sikh Society of Dayton

(2320 Harshman Road, Dayton 45424)

*For more info, pick up a printed flyer from the table by the church office.*

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Study**  
**Christ Episcopal Church – Fellowship Hall**  
***"Scripture's Spectrum: Queer, Trans, and***  
***Non-Binary Bible Readings"***

Led by Dr. Esther Brownsmith  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:30pm  
February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20

*(NOTE: A light meal will also be provided)*

**Installation Service for Rev. Jeff Perkins**

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church recently called our own Jeff Perkins to be their Pastor! While we will miss his regular presence here (as well as Michael!), we are glad for this use of his spiritual gifts in our sister congregation. There will be an Installation Service for him there (960 W Dorothy Lane) on **Sunday, Feb. 25 at 11:30 AM, with a carry-in luncheon at 12:30.** It would be great for some of our First Baptist family to go over and show our support!

**BYF Gathering & Paint Party**

**Sunday, Feb. 25 @ 12:15-2:30pm**

*(NOTE: We will resume painting the youth room,  
so bring work clothes to wear.)*

***In Concert!***

**Cincinnati May Festival Youth Chorus**

**Sunday, March 3 @ 4pm**

**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

On Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m. First Baptist Church of Dayton will host the renowned Cincinnati May Festival Youth Chorus under the direction of Dr. Matthew Swanson, who is the newly appointed director of the world-renowned Cincinnati May Festival Chorus. The concert will feature various choral works of all periods and styles, vocal solos and arias, and a piece by contemporary African American composer Rollo Dilworth, along with a world premiere work entitled *What Do The Tress Know?* The concert is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Baptism: A Call to Discipleship**

The Season of Lent is traditionally a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized, and Pastor Jason will be offering a Baptism Class for any youth who would like a space in which to explore their questions and reflect on their own sense of call to discipleship. At the conclusion of the class, those who so choose will be baptized on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please contact Pastor Jason if your youth would like to be a part of this class, and we'll create a schedule that works for everyone ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) / 937-631-3579). Adults are, of course, also welcome to respond to this invitation by speaking to any of our pastors.

# FELLOWSHIP HYMN

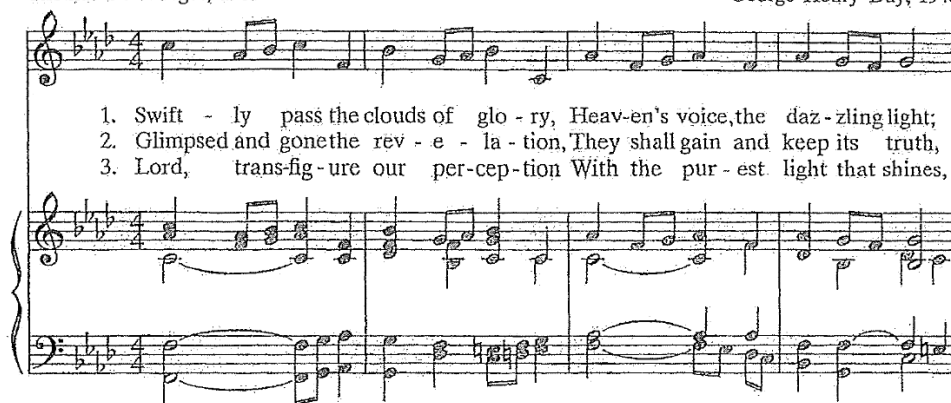
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## Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

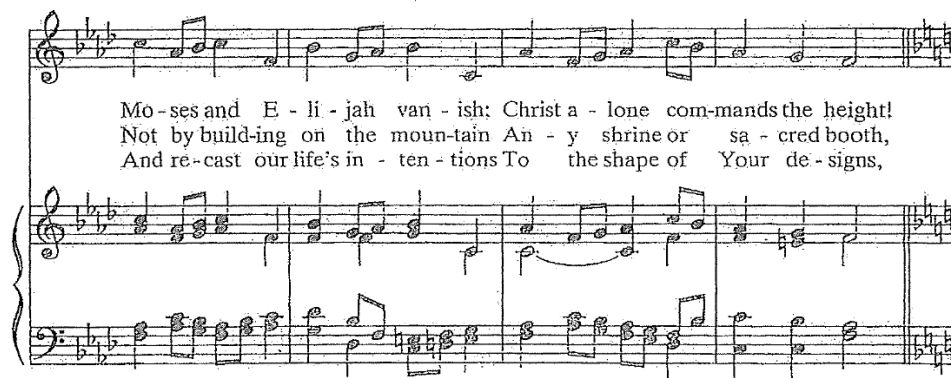
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Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

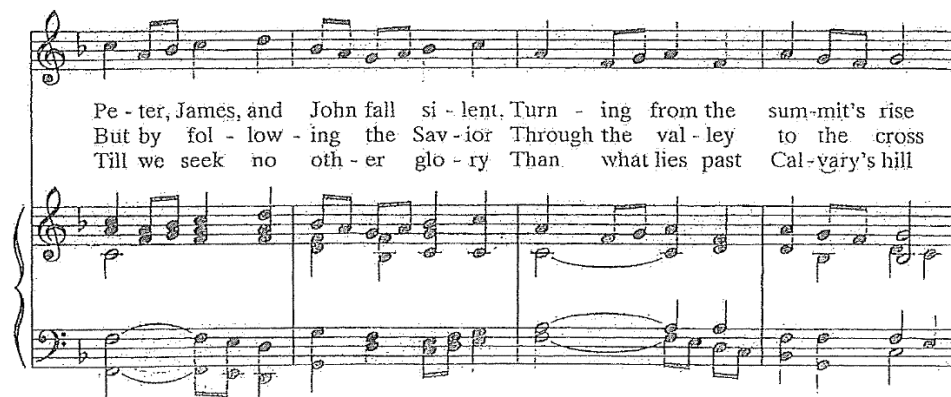
George Henry Day, 1940



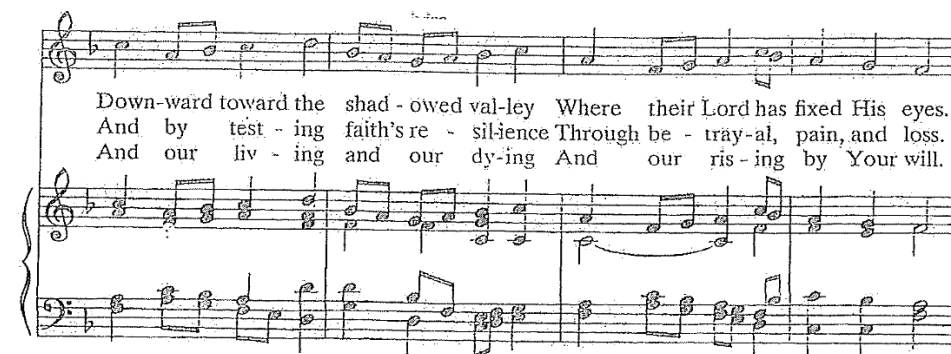
1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz - zling light;  
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
3. Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com-mands the height!  
Not by build - ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise  
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - vary's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - oved val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
And by test - ing faith's re - silience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

# CALL TO PRAYER

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## 333 ORDER MY STEPS

*Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when He delights in our way.  
Psalm 37:23*

1. Or - der my steps in Your word, dear Lord,  
2. Hum-bly I ask Thee, teach me Your will.  
3. Bri - dle my tongue, let my words ed - i - fy, Let the

Lead me, guide me, ev - er - y day,  
While You are work - ing, help me be still. Though  
words of my mouth be ac - cept-a-ble in Thy sight. Take

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line is divided into three parts corresponding to the numbered lyrics.



Send Your a - noint - ing, Fa - ther, I pray.  
Sa - tan is bus - y, God is real!  
charge of my thoughts, both day and night.

Or - der my steps in Your word. Please,

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or - der my steps in Your word.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 173

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
 2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -  
 3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,  
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,  
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine,

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on  
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward  
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740  
 MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

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