

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* setting by Matt Limbaugh

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
And also with you.*

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*God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, God's faithfulness to the clouds.
Jesus turns water into wine, sorrow into joy.
All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.
In God is the fountain of life.*

Hymn 319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Confession and Forgiveness Paul Sims

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect Your glory. We have been fickle and unfaithful, but Your steadfast love never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but You freely pour out Your gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of Your way and help us to use our gifts for the common good, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Act of Praise LINSTEAD



Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God bless the Lord!

All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN

Sing, you sun and you moon above, stars of heaven, now sing God's love;

Dew and showers, you winds that blow, heat and fire, and you ice and snow: REFRAIN

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest. REFRAIN

- Stephen Starke

Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

Jeremiah Banks

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your judgments are like the great deep;
How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light we see light.
O continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
and Your salvation to the upright of heart!*

Hymn

Sing of God Made Manifest

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*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound.
Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by You, but Your bidding I will do."
Then from heav'n a double sign – dove-like Spirit, Voice divine.
Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed.*

-Carl P. Daw, Jr. (alt.)

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

John 2:1-11

Sermon

"First Impressions"

Alex Lockridge

Give Thanks to God

Hymn

Come, Join in Cana's Feast

OLD 134TH

*Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.*

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*But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied
By him who is both guest and host; for us, the Crucified.*

- Herman G. Stuempfle

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Communion of the People

Hymn 48

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Organ Offertory

Trio Chorale on LOBE DEN HERREN

by Larry Visser

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Go in God's Name

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Go now, with your trust in Christ
who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love.
Do not be silent about God's faithful love,
but shelter in the warmth of God's wings.
And may God rejoice over you and call you, "My Delight,"
may Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to his glory,
and may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN

by Larry Visser

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