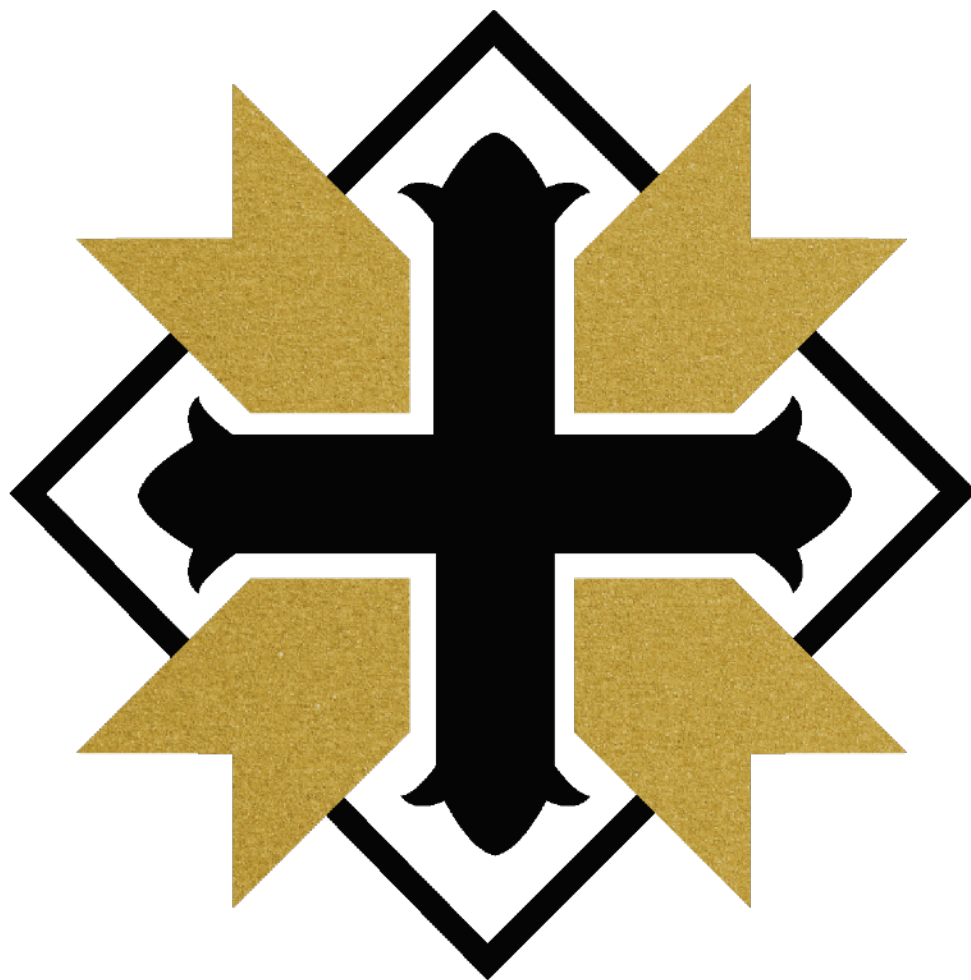


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Savannah, Georgia



February 27, 2022

*Historic | Liturgical | Vibrant*

## Liturgical Season

First Baptist Church follows the liturgical seasons of the Christian Year as a means of marking time together. We are currently in the Season after the Epiphany. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." Thus, the season celebrates the ways through which the Messiah is revealed to the world. The season begins on the 12th day of Christmas (January 6) with the arrival of the Magi, and concludes with the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The liturgical color for the day is white, symbolizing light, purity, and joy.

## COVID Reminders

1. Maintain social distancing while inside the Sanctuary.
2. Wear a mask at all times, especially during congregational singing.
3. If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate as you exit.

Thank you for your understanding.

\* Asterisks throughout the order of worship indicate the people standing, in body or in spirit.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 27, 2022 at 11:00 am

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE - "Prelude in C Major"  
Kristin King, Harp

by Johann Sebastian Bach

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway, Co-Pastors

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT - "Holy Ground"  
Amanda Jeter, Solo

by Geron Davis

*As I walked through the door, I sensed his presence;  
And I knew this was a place where love abounds.  
For this is the temple, Jehovah God abides here.  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

*We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

*In his presence there is joy beyond all measure,  
And at his feet peace of mind can still be found.  
And if you have a need, I know he has the answer;  
Reach out and claim it for we are standing on holy ground.*

- Text based in the account of the Transfiguration

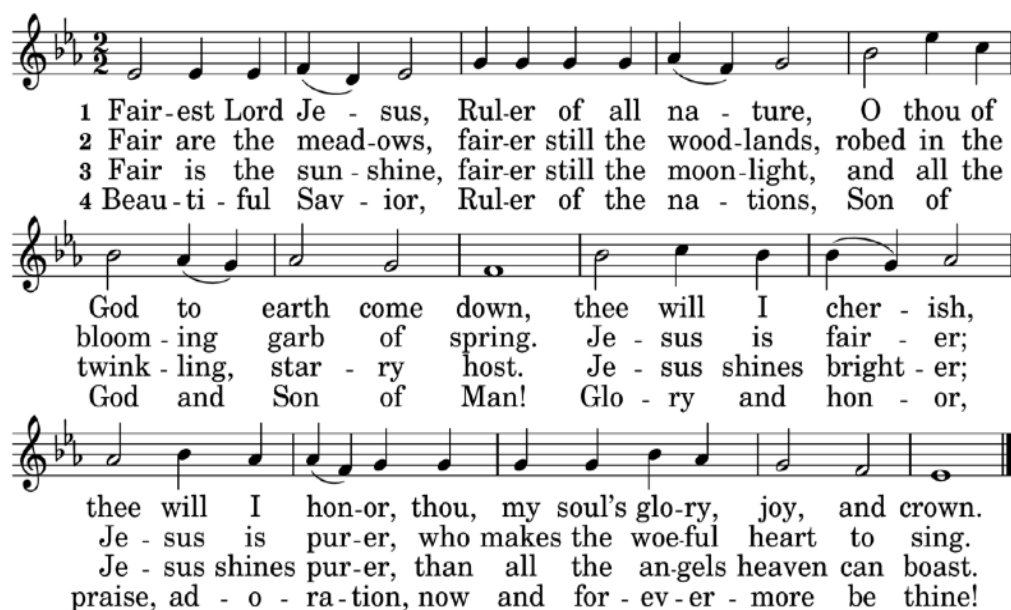
#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.  
People: **We know what to expect and  
What is expected of us.**

Pastor: But Christ calls us to the mountain top  
To receive a new vision.  
People: **We are not sure we are ready to see.**

Pastor: Place your hope and trust in Christ,  
For he will be our guide.  
People: **Let us open our hearts to Christ,  
Ready for the vision he places before us.**

Pastor: As we worship, may we be transfigured in Christ.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**



1 Fair-est Lord Je - sus, Rul-er of all na - ture, O thou of  
2 Fair are the mead-ows, fair-er still the wood-lands, robed in the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon-light, and all the  
4 Beau-ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul-er of the na - tions, Son of  
God to earth come down, thee will I cher - ish,  
bloom - ing garb of spring. Je - sus is fair - er;  
twink - ling, star - ry host. Je - sus shines bright - er;  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,  
thee will I hon-or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur-er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur-er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

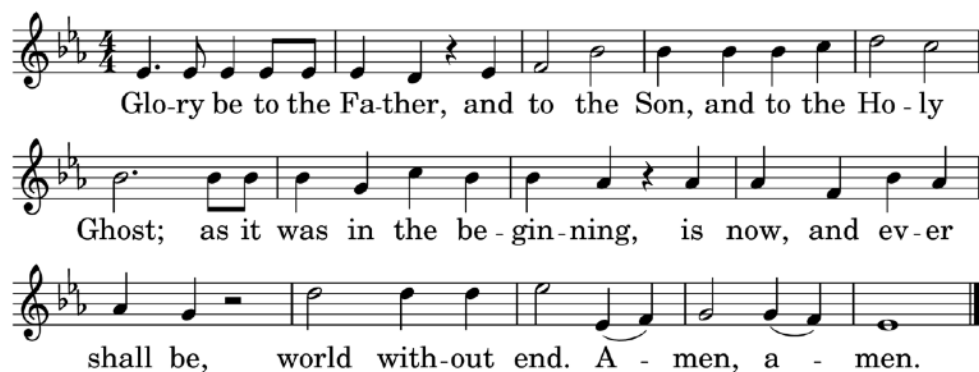
- Text from the Munster Gesangbuch, 1677

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Read in Unison)

**We believe in a God who is  
Never confined to our imagining,  
Is never in bondage to our beliefs,  
And is never held fast in our dwelling places.  
Our God is the mystery of divine and human bound together,  
Of power and vulnerability,  
Of crucifixion and resurrection.  
Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,  
Of liberation and responsibility,  
Of eternal wisdom and costly grace.  
We celebrate this God who leaps free of all our boundaries,  
Stretching out in love from horizon to horizon,  
And in mercy bending deep into fragile human hearts.  
Our hope is in God, our Creator.  
Our faith is in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And our trust is in the Holy Sprit, our Guide.  
Triune God, transfigure our faith. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI

Tune: GREATOREX



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

- Text from sixth-century doxology

## Children in Worship

Due to the rise in COVID cases, we are unable to offer a nursery for children at this time. Those children wishing to remain with their families during worship are welcome to do so. All children are invited to come to the front pew during the closing hymn to aid the ministers with the benediction.

## Children's Bags

Children's Worship Bags are available in the Narthex. Each bag contains crayons and worship-themed activities and coloring pages for children of all ages.

## Statement on Language

In an effort to be as inclusive as possible, First Baptist Church seeks to use hymns and liturgies that employ gender-neutral pronouns for both God and humanity. However, this is not always possible when using historic texts. Please note that these texts reflect the eras in which they were written, and do not necessarily represent our current theological understandings.

## Music Notes

The music used in today's service will reference the themes of light and sight in honor of Transfiguration Sunday. The opening hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," is set to the CRUSADER'S HYMN tune.

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn has nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century. The choir's anthem, "Be Thou My Vision" is an English paraphrase of a monastic prayer dating from the 10th century. The middle hymn, "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair," is a translation of a 15th century Latin devotional text that evokes the awe and wonder the disciples experienced at Christ's Transfiguration. The closing hymn, "Shine, Jesus, Shine," comes to us from the Contemporary Christian musical genre.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the World can be understood generally, this hymn was written as a response to the Transfiguration.

## Guest Musician

We welcome Kristin King to our worship today. As a harpist for 31 years, Kristin is a seasoned performer in Savannah and the surrounding areas. She received her Bachelor of Music from Loyola University of Chicago and has been in Savannah for 15 years.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD

### FIRST LESSON - 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

*Bettie Hodges, Lay Reader*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### ANTHEM - "Be Thou My Vision"

*First Baptist Church Choir*

*Rev. James C. Richardson, Organ*

arr. Alice Parker

*Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
Save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom,  
And thou my true word;  
I ever with thee,  
And thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
And I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
And I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not,  
Nor man's empty praise:  
Thou mine inheritance,  
Now and always;  
Thou and thou only,  
First in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
My treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven,  
My victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
Whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision,  
O Ruler of all.*

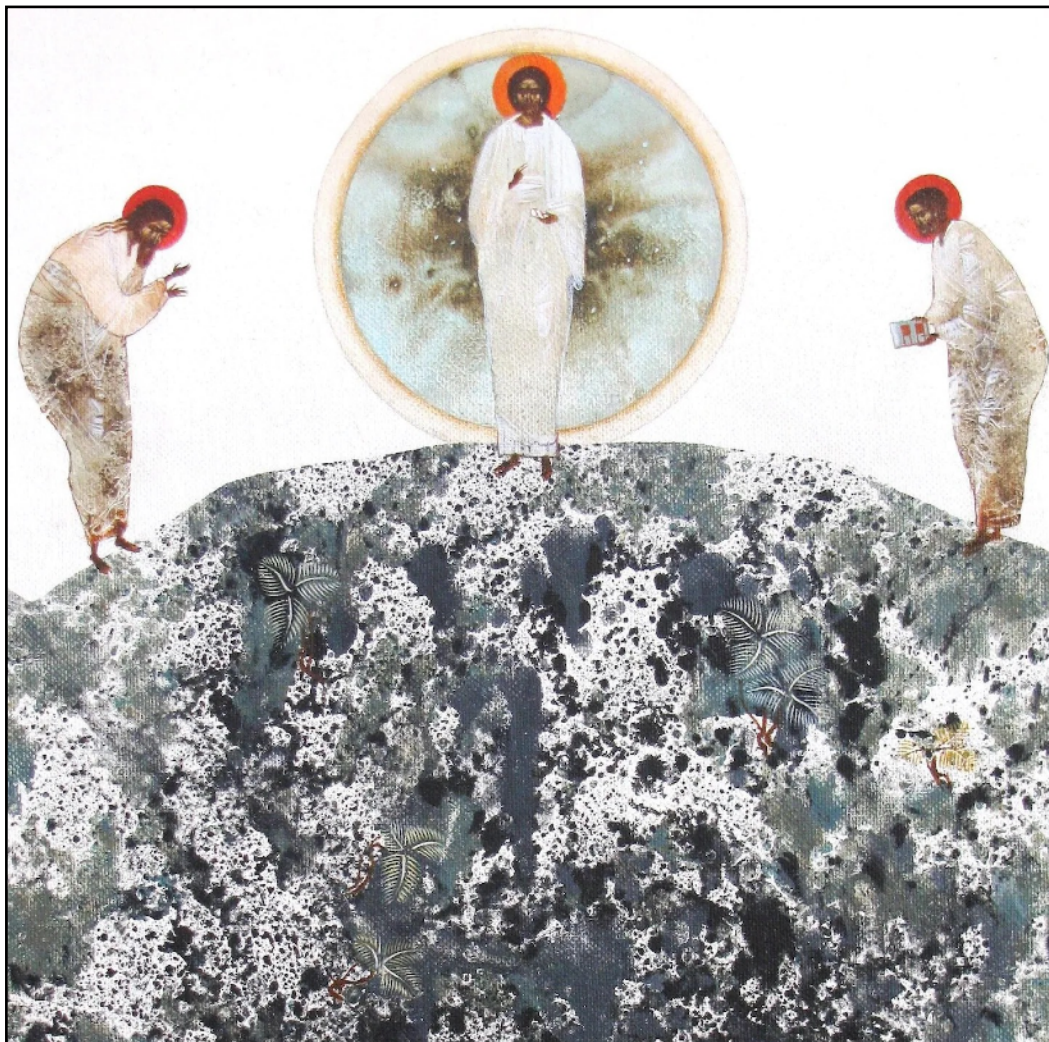
- Text from an Irish Poem

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Pastor:** This is the written Word of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY - "Look at This"  
*Rev. John Callaway*



*"Transfiguration" by Ukrainian Artist, Ivanka Demchuk*

## *A Prayer for Ukraine*

*God of Love  
Creative and Ever-Present  
Peaceful and Steadfast  
Moving yet found in  
Stillness*

*In the midst of chaos  
May peace be found in  
Ukraine and around the  
world*

*In these fraught moments  
May the divisions and  
labeling of enemies cease*

*As bombs and weapons  
pierce the lives of your  
BELOVED*

*May all who are frightened  
find comfort  
May all who are hurting  
find healing*

*In this vulnerable time  
when misinformation  
spreads like wildfire and  
egotistical leaders incite  
fear*

*May authoritarianism in  
all its forms lose power  
and may violence be  
vanquished by the  
strengths of  
KINDNESS,  
RECONCILIATION,  
AND WHOLENESS*

*For all your children we  
pray AMEN*

*- by Rev. Katie Callaway  
& Rev. John Callaway*



## Scripture Texts

All Scripture texts printed  
in the worship guide  
are taken from the  
New Revised Standard  
Version of the Bible.

## Giving

If you would like to  
participate in worship by  
giving monetarily, you  
may place a donation in  
the offering plate near the  
doors of the sanctuary,  
scan the QR code, or click  
“online giving”  
on our website:  
[www.fbc-sav.org](http://www.fbc-sav.org).  
You may also mail a  
contribution directly to  
PO Box 9551  
Savannah, GA 31412.



## \* HYMN - “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Tune: WAREHAM

1. O won - drous sight! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
2. From age to age the tale de - clares how with the  
3. The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen  
4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
that the church shall share, which Christ up - on the  
three dis - ci - ples there where Mo - ses and E -  
wit - ness - es of grace; the Fa - ther's voice from  
man - i - fest that day what glo - ry shall be  
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
li - jah meet, the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
out the cloud pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

- Text translated by John Mason Neale

## \* GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Pastor: This is the written Word of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY - “Seeing Extraordinary Things” Rev. Katie Callaway

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY - “Beautiful Savior”  
Dr. Justin Addington, Organ

arr. John Behnke

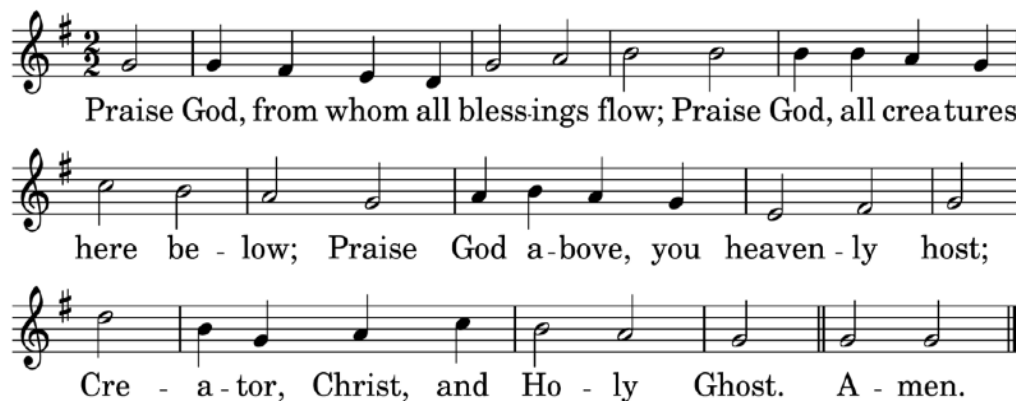
## Question for Reflection

Where have you experienced transformation?

You are invited to respond to this question in the comments section of the Facebook livestream.

## Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests that you would like lifted during the Prayers of the People, please leave them in the comments section of the Facebook livestream.



- Text adapted from Thomas Ken

## TIME OF RESPONSE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

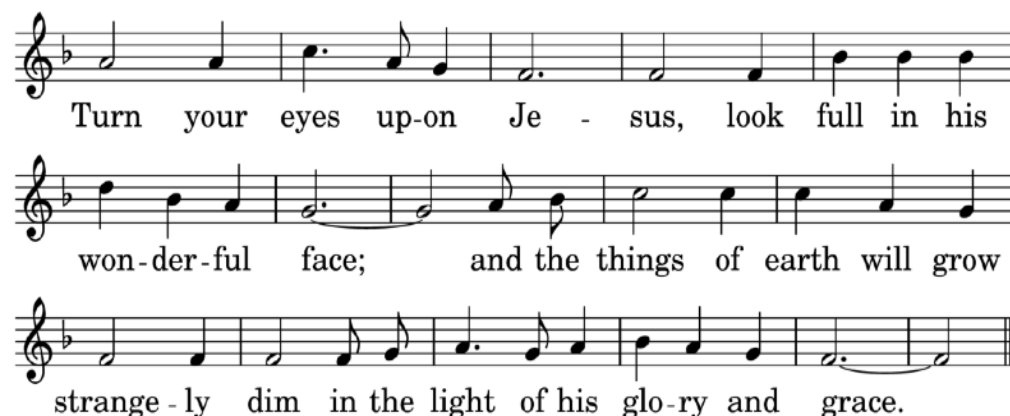
Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,  
People: **Hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

**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 sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### Tune: LEMMEL



- Text by Helen Lemmel

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## About Our Church

First Baptist Church is a welcoming congregation located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia. We believe Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality.

Therefore, we accept every individual without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. We affirm all persons as created in the image of God. At First Baptist Church, individuals can find family, families can find community, the injured can find healing, and all can seek truth and justice. We labor together in love for each other, our community, our world, and our God.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, **you are welcomed, you are accepted, you are loved.**

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## WE GO TO SERVE GOD

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* HYMN - "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Tune: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
2. Lord, I come to your awe-some pres - ence, From the shad - ows in -  
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness So our fac - es dis-  
dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
to your ra - diance; By the blood I may  
play your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from  
world, shine up - on us, Set us free by the  
en - ter your bright - ness; Search me, try me, con -  
glo - ry to glo - ry: Mir - rored here, may our  
truth you now bring us; Shine on me. Shine on me.  
sume all my dark ness; Shine on me. Shine on me.  
lives tell your sto - ry; Shine on me. Shine on me.  
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the  
land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our  
na - tions with grace and mer - cy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and  
1. hearts on fire. 2. let there be light.

- Text by Graham Kendrick

### EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "Fanfare on SHINE, JESUS, SHINE"  
Dr. Justin L. Addington, Organ

by Christopher Tambling

*The people are invited to remain seated for the postlude.*