

Offertory

*Church Organist*

+ The Singing of the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

+ Affirmation of Faith

*Senior Pastor*

We believe in God: the God who led Moses, and leads us today.  
We believe in Jesus: transfigured and transfiguring the world.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, telling us when to stay and when to go.  
We believe in Love, beyond every dream.

Celebration of Holy Communion

*We believe that communion is the fulfillment of an ancient vision: Judas and Jesus at the same table. Therefore, you don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the table of grace.*

Words of Institution

*Church Member*

Prayer of Consecration

*Clergy*

Distribution of the Elements

+ Passing of the Peace

+ Hymn of Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*The love of God calls us again and again to respond in new and creative ways. If part of your response today is to join this church or become a Christian, please come forward during this hymn, and one of our ministers will be happy to greet you.*

**I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.  
God sent the stars to give light to the world, the star of my life is Jesus.  
In Christ there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike.**

+ Welcome to New Members

We affirm you in your Christian Decision. We welcome you among us. We pledge to be for you a family of faith: learning with and from you, worshipping with you, laughing with you, and when needed, crying with you. Amen.

+ Life of the Church and Pastoral Benediction

*Senior Pastor*

+ Congregational Benediction

Arise, Your Light is Come!

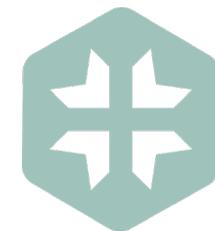
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Light

*Church Organist*



**Transfiguration, Lewis Bowman**



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | February 11, 2018 | Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

**The Worship of God**  
“Transfigured”

## Gathering

### The Ringing of the Trinity Chimes

*Church Carillonist*

### Call to Worship and Invocation

*Church Member (Today's Liturgist)*

Gathering in this sacred place, we anticipate new wonders each week.

**Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed; even this day. even in this place

**We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary, but when we leave today, may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

### Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Light and the Carillon

*Church Organist*

*Our preludes feature two special symbols each Epiphany season: first, another candle is added to the altar each week, as the Christ light for which we search grows brighter. Second, a Carillon is processed, with shrill bells and a unique presence to remind us to seek Jesus in this season.*

### Introit

One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain

### + Processional Hymn no. 4

Holy, Holy, Holy

### Confession and Absolution

### + Psalter Litany

*Psalms 50*

*Church Member*

The mighty one, God the LORD, 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 God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

**God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

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

**The heavens declare God righteousness, for God is the only judge.**

### Time for Young Disciples

*Children's Minister*

*Children are invited to the front for a sermon just for them!*

### Song for our Children

Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.**

**Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: this is where children belong.**

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

*Clergy*

May we beg to follow as closely as Elisha. Let us confess our sins.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Prayer of Confession

*Church Member*

**Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you. Forgive us when we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us. Shake us from our contentment and send us forward, endowed with your power.**

### Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

*Clergy*

Let the light shine!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Assurance of Pardon

*Senior Pastor*

The God of Elijah, the God of Moses, and the God who is Jesus desires mercy more than sacrifice; a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings. Love God and do the right thing. Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God!**

## Listening for the Words of God

### + Song of Discipleship

Shine, Jesus Shine

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Sovereign's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light**

### + Gospel Reading

*Mark 9:2-9*

*Church Staff*

The Gospel According to Saint Mark

**According to you, Oh God.**

### + Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

### Choral Anthem

One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain

*Chancel Choir*

### Sermon

Transfiguration

*Senior Pastor*

## Responding

### Silence for Reflection

### Prayers of the People

*Church Member*

God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**