



**Seventh & James Baptist Church
January 19, 2025 · 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

One: We remember fretting over closed doors and blocked paths and can now see you made a way for us to fill these pews and inhabit this space. Some of us are looking at the barriers around us and need to remember that we are in your guiding hands, we are your children, and we are loved and cherished beyond our wildest imagination.

Many: Faithful God, strengthen our courage to stand in faith and walk in your light.

One: We are fickle followers dropping so quickly from faithful thanksgiving into forgetful despair. We grow numb to the weight of your story across the ages and think it might change in our situation or on this day, but you remain God...present and pulling us ever closer to your heart where we belong.

Many: Faithful God, transform us even deeper into the followers you created us to be.

One: Buoyed by your consistency not only in our lives but in the lives of sinners throughout our history, we thank you for your unwavering love and the comfort it brings us when we choose to see it.

All: Let us walk this path as faithful ones—following the Way, sharing the Truth, and dancing in your glorious Life!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carolyn Casey

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Tim McKinney

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Cyndi McKinney

Hymn

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”



1.O love that will not let me go, — I rest my wea - ry soul in
2.O Light that fol - lowest all my way, — I yield my flick - ering torch to
3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, — I can - not close my heart to
4.O cross that lift - est up my head, — I dare not ask to fly from



thee; — I give thee back the life I owe, — That
thee; — My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, — That
thee; — I trace the rain - bow through the rain — And
thee; — I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, — And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of God's People

Daniel Farris

Offertory

“Andante” from *Sonata in A Major*, D. 664

Franz Schubert

Michael Clark, *piano*

During the offertory, we invite you to prayerfully consider your stewardship of all the resources God is entrusting to you. The work of God at Seventh & James is dependent on the financial generosity and volunteer service of its members and friends. Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship. Join us as you respond to God's call.

Doxology, No. 707

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.

Children's Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 36:5-10

Matt Rosencrans

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Many: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Many: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Anthem

“Zion's Walls”

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion.
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

Sermon

“That's Not Your Name”

Erin Conaway

(Isaiah 62:1-5)

Silent Reflection

God gives you two names: yours and God's. Listen for that place deep within where God has given you God's own name, that name lovers reveal to one another in intimate moments, where God has told you who God is for you. Who is God for you? It's unlike anybody else. You reflect a part of God that no one else will ever reflect. You reflect back to God a part of the mystery that no one else will understand.

Where God has given you God's intimate name, you also have been given your own name. It takes awhile; it takes some listening, some silence, some suffering, probably. It takes some waiting, desiring; it takes some hoping. But finally we discover that place where we know who we are; we know what God said.

— Richard Rohr, *The Passion of God and the Passion Within*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 295

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Choristers Hymn-of-the-Month

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Benediction

“Go Ye Now in Peace”

Joyce Elaine Eilers

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel His presence here beside you showing you the way.
In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
Know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live
Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

Anna Laura Page

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Michael Clark.

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