

*Commission and Blessing

Postlude Ballo della Battaglia

Bernardo Storace

We welcome the Reverend Paul Schneider to the pulpit today. He currently serves as the Associate Executive Minister of Operations and Administration for the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. A Masters of Divinity graduate of the Berkeley School of Theology, he served for nearly seven years as Pastor of Burien Community Church in Burien, WA. He is the founder and director of the Oasis Project, which creates radically inclusive safer spaces for spiritual and emotional self-care at conferences, conventions, and festivals. Along with Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, he is the co-founder of #HopepunkTheology. He is a father of five amazing kids. Pastor Paul is currently working on his Doctorate of Ministry at the Berkeley School of Theology around the intersections (or lack thereof) of the church and pop-culture.

Announcements

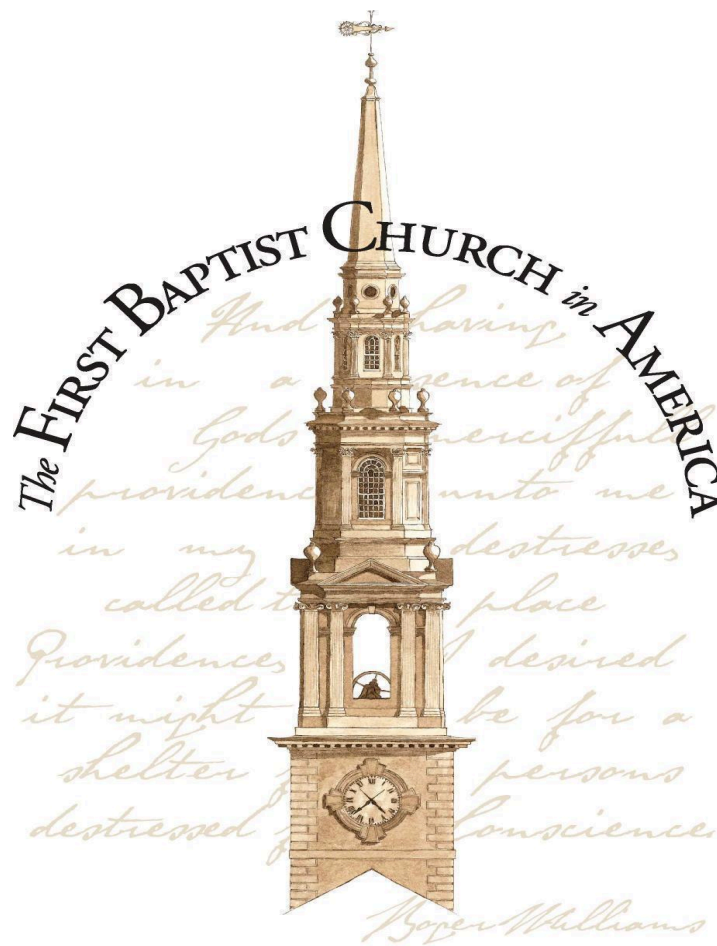
➤When there is a parking ban in the city of Providence due to inclement weather, church services and other activities held at the church will be cancelled until the parking ban is lifted. Please tune in to your local television and radio stations.

➤A gentle reminder that parking in the church driveway on Sunday is reserved for those with mobility issues and small children. You do not need a handicap placard. Please try to pull up when parking so others are also able to park there. Thank you.

➤The Annual Meeting will be held on the 9th of February. Several of our members, including the clerk, will be away on the mission trip to La Romana on the 4th Sunday of January, our usual meeting date.



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Sunday, January 12, 2025
Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: God of many names, as we begin this service
we give ourselves into the hand of your continuing creativity.

**All: We offer our past, with its joys and triumphs,
its failures and regrets,
our present, with its struggles and accomplishments,
its hopes and setbacks,
our future, with its fears and freedom,
its pain and possibility.**

One: We trust the Spirit that breathes life,
trusting the love that will not let us go,
trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.

All: Amen.

***Greeting One Another**

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***Responsive Invocation**

One: Holy God, before time you named us
through time you redeem us
You call us, precious in your sight
May we love as you love.

**All: Holy One, through the turbulent waters
make us steady,
Your hands hold strong the fragile and weak.
May we love as you love.**

One: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry,
bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, word.
May we love as you love.

**All: God of justice, remove the chaff
of our lives that keeps us from following Your call.
May we love as you love.**

One: Loving God, take this day our fears, worries, distractions,
and turn them into prayers and life force.

All: May we love as you love. Amen

***Hymn** 612 How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-22

Anthem Benedictus from B Minor Mass Johann Sebastian Bach
Sam Brunner, tenor

Prayers of the People

Abba God, 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn 642 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *Walk With Me*

*If you feel so moved on hearing this morning's spiritual
whose author, an enslaved person denied his/her identity, remains
unknown to us, feel free to pay it forward by placing a
royalty donation in the beautiful Tzedakah box
that was made by our children at the back of the church.
Monies collected go to Stages of Freedom, to further their work
In building community and advancing racial equality
through arts, education, and swim empowerment for youth.*

Preaching Beneath the Surface Rev. Paul Schneider

Offertory O Magnum Mysterium Morten Lauridsen

***Doxology** *Old Hundredth*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn** 519 It Is Well with My Soul *Ville Du Havre*