

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Communion Sunday

January 2, 2011 10:30 AM

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist  
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

*Joy to the World!* ..... George Fredrich Handel  
setting by Fred Bock

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* ..... "Waltham"  
setting by David H. Hegarty

*Variations on "Greensleeves"* ..... English Carol

*Then Shall A Star From Jacob Riseth* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir  
*Arise, Your Light Is Come* ..... Festal Song

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. C. Roland Marcus

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #745 *Jesus Shall Reign*  
DUKE STREET

*Isaac Watts was inspired by Psalm 72 in writing this hymn. It was his intention to blend the lessons of grace, glory and life eternal found in the New Testament with the lessons found in the Psalms. Watts accomplished this with all one hundred fifty psalms.*

\*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Jason Alspaugh

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #317 v.1 *All People That on Earth...*

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

\*WELCOME & PASSING OF PEACE Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)*

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Tom Kohnle

**Isaiah 60:1-6:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE RESPONSIVE PSALTER Tom Kohnle, leader

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

MUSICAL RESPONSE



Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

People: **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Leader: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. [MUSICAL RESPONSE]**

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

Leader: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

People: **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

ALL: **From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. [MUSICAL RESPONSE]**

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* ..... Kendrick/Wagner

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Jim Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.  
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Matthew 2:1-12:** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #478 *My Savior's Love*  
MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

*Of the three levels of love noted by historians of the ancient Greeks, agape love is the highest. It is love with no conditions and love with no end. It is this kind of love, the love of Christ, that is the subject of Charles Gabriel's gospel hymn written in 1905.*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER #452 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Jim Earnest

THE SERMON Rev. C. Roland Marcus

**"The Magi and the GPS"**

*"And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road." Mt. 2:12*

## The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ..... Polish Carol  
setting by Mary E. Kerrick

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #649 v.1 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Kohnle

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

(Celebrants: Rev. Jason Alspaugh and Rev. C. Roland Marcus)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts & Debtors*) Rev. Marcus

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Marcus, leader

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, God of majesty and splendor. By your power you created all that is. Throughout the ages you called your people to serve you. In the fullness of time you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus Christ to be the Light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace. Therefore we praise you by joining our voices with those who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup after supper, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

BREAKING THE BREAD

*"Dwell Thou In Me"* ..... Marian Wood Chaplin  
Sharon Kohnle

SHARING THE CUP

*I Wonder as I Wander* ..... setting by John Jacob Niles  
Greg Land

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #22 *Come, We That Love the Lord*  
ST. THOMAS

*We have sung these words of Isaac Watts many times as we have been "marching to Zion." The ST. THOMAS setting is shorter but still carries the spirit of Isaac's words calling us to love the Lord as we leave this place.*

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. C. Roland Marcus

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #840 v.1 *God Be with You*  
GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again,  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

\*POSTLUDE Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

*"In Thee Is Gladness"* ..... J. S. Bach  
Chorale for the New Year



### Worship Notes

The Christian calendar is centered around three great festivals of faith: Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. None of them are celebrated in a single day. Rather they usher in seasons of the soul in which we are called to meditate on the great spiritual truths they announce. In some traditions, today would be known as the "Second Sunday of Christmas." However, we are also reminded that Epiphany, (January 6) often passes without notice. So the Common Lectionary, with appropriate scripture passages, invites us to celebrate Epiphany in advance. The word "Epiphany" literally means "a light shining through." Although the coming of the Magi to worship Christ as a young child is central in the observance, Epiphany focuses on our need to receive new insight about our faith.

### Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### All Boards Night Jan. 12

All Boards will meet Wednesday, Jan. 12. Dinner starts at 6:00 and will be hosted by the Trustees. (Please RSVP for the dinner!) Individual Board meetings will begin at 7:00.

## First Baptist Church of Dayton

*Epiphany of the Lord*



### Our Mission Statement:

*To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.*

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