

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2010

10:30 AM

## The Gathering

### THE PRELUDE

Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

*Away In a Manger Medley* ..... arr. Hayes  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ..... arr. Young  
*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* ..... arr. Young  
*He Shall Feed His Flock* ..... Handel  
with Sharon Kohnle, flute

## In Praise to the Lord

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148:1-13)

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#145 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*The translated words of a first century Christian combined with the plain song melody of the thirteenth century gives us one of the most ancient hymns in use today. This powerful Christmas text not only gives us a historical perspective of Jesus' birth, but also a vision of the future of Christendom.*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jim Earnest

### \*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*(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

Clara Black

**Isaiah 63:7-9:** I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### SPOKEN WORD

Dayne Craig

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Sharon Kohnle

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)* ..... Tomlin/Cash

### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Matthew 2:13-23:** Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#170 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*  
CAROL

*As one of our most well loved Christmas carols, the over riding theme is one of peace and goodwill. Edmund Sears' text emphasizes this theme on three levels: peace with God, peace with others and peace within ourselves; all centered on the birth of the Prince of Peace.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Radachi

(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

#167 v.1 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
PICARDY

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

### THE SERMON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*"The Days After Christmas"*

## The Response of God's People

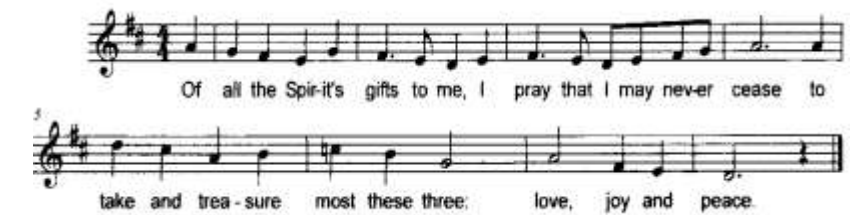
### THE OFFERTORY

Debbie Lindley

*What Child Is This?* ..... English Melody

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me*  
Fred Pratt Green (CCLI 1826847)



### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Clara Black

### 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

#171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
MENDELSSOHN

*Carols have long been thought of as an early form of Christian folk music. In 1627 the English Puritan council banned the celebration of Christmas and all other worldly festivals creating a scarcity of Christmas Carols. We can thank God for Charles Wesley who, in 1739, defied the ban by writing our opening carol.*

### \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

### \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#155 v.3 *O Little Town...*  
ST. LOUIS

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given,  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven!  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

### \*POSTLUDE

Debbie Lindley

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* ..... setting by Halberg

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

**Worship Note**

Today is the 1st Sunday After Christmas. The departure of the magi in Matthew 2:13 signals the beginning of fearful events that follow the birth of Jesus, events that only Matthew recounts. The magi and then Joseph are warned in dreams to flee from Herod, whose motives are ultimately revealed in the slaughter of innocent children. These scenes of Joseph, Mary and the toddler Jesus fleeing from mercenaries amid "wailing and loud lamentation" are not a part of popular Christmas stories and messages today; however, they *are* a part of the *Christian* story. And so, today we will explore the implications of these events for our post-Christmas 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.*



**Welcome to All**

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:15 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here's an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you'll stop by the Visitor's Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.
- ✓ **Childcare** for infants through two years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler.
- ✓ All children are invited to come forward for the **Children's Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK-K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1-4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.

**Week of December 26 – January 2**

Sun. 26	9:15a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion & Service of Healing
Mon. 27		.....	Church Office Closed
Wed. 29	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Thu. 30	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers ( <i>Boston Stoker</i> )
Fri. 31		.....	Church Office Closed – New Year's Eve
Sun. 2	9:15a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship & Communion Service
	11:45a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

**Prayers of the People**

Julie Bellar	Arvil Henry	Dawn Shirley
Charles Blake	Barry Hobart	Paul Shroyer
Estie Clark	Grace Hobart	Dawn Smelser
Andy Collier	Ruth Howell	Marion Stoner
Lisa Collier	Delana Jackson	Peter Thomson
Jack Coggins	Joyce Johnson	Nickie Van Hoose
Rector Davis	Jennifer Loxley	Max Vondruska
Mary Ellen Detty	Patty Loxley	Evelyn Weaver
Florida Dixon	Claude Malone	Don Williams
Sarah Duvall	Giovanna McQuillen	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Bruce Dyer	Marilyn Sue Miller	Jeffrey Kennedy
Darris Forgy	Robert Paloncy	Derrick McClain
Carrie Louese Ganger	Phyllis Pfersich	Bryan Venys
Jane Halliday	Cliff Rhodes	Chris West
Bill Harrell	Don Rosenbeck	Andy Wilson

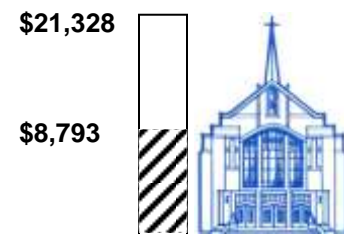
**Church Office Hours During the Holidays**

Dec. 27: Closed  
 Dec. 28-30: Open from 10-2  
 Dec. 31/Jan. 1: Closed

**Today is Last Sunday for M & M Offering**

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering, collected in December, helps those who have served the church and us with an annual love gift, and help for emergency needs. Some of those who served have little pension because the church or mission they worked with were small and could not provide contributions to the pension fund. If you have not made a donation yet to this offering, please do so today. Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks.

**Faith Challenge 2010**



**Faith Challenge Goal: \$21,328**  
**Received Year-to-Date: \$8,793 (42%)**

The Faith Challenge represents the 10% of our budget that will not be covered by our annual pledges. Your contributions to this fund will enable us to complete our mission projects for the year and maintain our facilities. Thank you for your generous giving! Faith Challenge envelopes are located in the pews!

**Annual Reports Due Jan. 5**

Annual reports for 2010 are due Wednesday, Jan. 5 from all pastors, Board chairs, the Endowment Committee, and Pastoral Relations Committee. You may send your report to Linda Blair by email (lindablair@fbccdayton.org) or drop off a hardcopy to the church office. The Annual Report booklet will be prepared during January and distributed at our Congregational Dinner and Budget Meeting on Jan. 30, 2011. Thank you!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

*1st Sunday After Christmas*



Rembrandt van Rijn's *The Dream of St. Joseph*, 1645.

**Our Mission Statement:**

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

- Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Ray Landis, *Music Director*
- Gregory Land, *Organist*
- R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
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