

The First Baptist Church at Worship

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 23, 2011

10:30 AM

There are no experts in the company of Jesus. We are all beginners, necessarily followers, because we don't know where we are going. On reflection, it is difficult to understand how the term "laity" and the assumptions drawn from it continue to marginalize so many Christians from all-out participation in following Jesus. After all, didn't Jesus call only lay persons to follow him? Not a priest or professor among the twelve men and numerous women followers.

Eugene H. Peterson, *The Jesus Way: A Conversation on the Ways Jesus Is the Way*

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE

Greg Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Haydn
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place Norwegian Folk Melody
Wonderful Peace Cooper
Love Was When Wyrzten

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Arise, Your Light Is Come Festal Song

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#689 *The Church's One Foundation*
AURELIA

Samuels Stone's hymn was written in 1866 at a time when the Anglican Church faced possible schism in the age old debate between liberal and conservative theology. The text is a reminder that, no matter where you stand on that issue, our faith comes from one common source!

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*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

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

(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 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Tom Kohnle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18: Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

We Will Walk in the Light Besig and Price

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 4:12-23: Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#539 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
HOUSTON

It has been suggested that as Christians we relate walking in the light of Christ to what we do in our lives. Kathleen Thomerson reminds us that Christians walking in the Light of Christ describes who we are. As brothers and sisters in the family of Christ, who we are governs what we do.

THE 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

#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

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

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

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"A Particular Following"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Debbie Lindley

Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 2 Frederic Chopin

*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 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

#651 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
MARYTON

Columbus, Ohio pastor Washington Gladden wrote this most appropriate closing hymn. As we go from this place let us know that wherever we go, we are walking with God.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*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

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27) Allitsen

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 Notes

Ask any sort of church member if she is following Jesus and the answer will be "yes!" Yet, look at the church divided, fragmented, and confused. How can everyone be following Jesus when so many of us are going off in all directions. "Is Christ divided?" asks Paul in our New Testament Epistle lesson. For Paul, the answer is "Of course not!" When it comes to us, we are not so sure. The gospel reading tells the story of Peter, Andrew, James and John leaving home and job to follow Jesus. What can it possibly mean in our ambiguous world to follow Jesus? What is all our talk about choosing and freedom turns out to be an illusion? What if following Jesus turns out to be a particular kind of following rooted in peace?

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.



Prayers of the People

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

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 January 23 – 30

Sun. 23	9:00a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion & Service of Healing
	11:45a	.....	Lunch Packing / Coffee Fellowship
Mon. 24	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Wed. 26	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
Thu. 27	7:30a	.....	Breaking Barriers (Boston Stoker)
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 28	11-12	.....	Sack Lunches for Homeless
	7:00p	.....	Monthly AIDS Dinner
Sun. 30	9:00a	.....	Sunday School Classes
	10:30a	.....	Worship Service
	11:45a	.....	Chapel Communion & Service of Healing
	12:00p	.....	Congregational Dinner & Budget Presentation

Lunch Packing after Worship Today

Congregational Dinner & 2011 Budget Presentation

This annual event will be held next Sunday, January 30. Dinner will begin at noon followed by the 2011 budget presentation. This is an important occasion for the entire congregation and everyone is urged to attend. **Please make your reservation on a yellow card today!** The Deacon Board will provide a complete dinner for \$5/person or \$15/family. Menu includes chicken cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, green beans, and dessert.

Sunday Flowers

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for Sunday worship (in remembrance or in honor of a loved one), please sign up on the 2011 flower calendar located on the "Current News" bulletin board. Linda Blair will contact you to finalize details.

First Baptist Church of Dayton

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany



"Crosses," by Leo Reynolds

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*
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- Gregory Land, *Organist*
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