

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

January 6, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

*The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.*

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

The Snow Lay On the Ground ..... Leo Sowerby  
Kings of Orient ..... setting by Fred Bock  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring ..... J. S. Bach  
March of the Magi ..... F. Flaxington Harker  
from the Cantata "The Star of Bethlehem"

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY  
TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

*This Is the Day*  
Eugene Butler

*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
REGENT SQUARE

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian Cathedral."

\*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Alspaugh

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT)

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
KENDRICK

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

\*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)*

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

*(Please be seated.)*

The Right Hand of Fellowship

(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

**Matthew Little**

*Matthew joins by Statement of Faith.*

*His faith partners are Ginger Tiffner and Tonya Mitchell.*

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

PSALTER LESSON

Janet Lasley

**Psalm 72:1-7:** Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Janet Lasley

**Ephesians 3:1-12:** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

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: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#151 *We Three Kings*  
KINGS OF ORIENT

Although Christians had begun by the 2<sup>nd</sup> century to speak to these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Coggins

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#392 *Open Our Eyes*  
Irregular

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ..... arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing neigh. Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary, till your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing neigh.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Access to God"

The Response of God's People

Holy Communion

PREPARATION TIME

Organ Interlude

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Alsbaugh

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD

#469 (vs. 3) Put Peace into Each Other's Hands Chancel Choir & Congregation

SHARING THE CUP

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

#469 (vs. 4) Put Peace into Each Other's Hands Chancel Choir & Congregation

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

THE OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

In the Lonely Midnight ..... Gilbert M. Martin

In the lonely midnight, on a cold and wintry hill, shepherds heard the angel singing, "Peace, good will." Listen O ye weary, to the blessed angel song: "Unto you the news, the tidings of great joy belong." Tho in David's city angels win and sing no more, love makes angel music on earth's darkest shore. Tho no heavenly glory meet your eager wond'ring eyes, Love can be your holy dwelling bright as paradise. Tho the child of Mary, gift of God and heaven on high, in his manger cradle may no longer lie, Love is King forever and ever, Tho the proud world scoff and scorn; if you truly seek to find him, if you truly seek to find him, Christ your King is born, Christ your King is born.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#706 Praise God... OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Janet Lasley

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or 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 transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#148 What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe", the son of Mary! The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT, SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*BENEDICTION

#514 Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him HOLY MANA

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life. Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see. Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

\*POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

The March of the Wise Men ..... Harvey B. Gaul from "The Babe of Bethlehem"

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!



Undecorating the Sanctuary Today

We plan to take down and put away the Advent/Christmas decorations after service today, Jan. 6. Please lend a helping hand! Thank you!

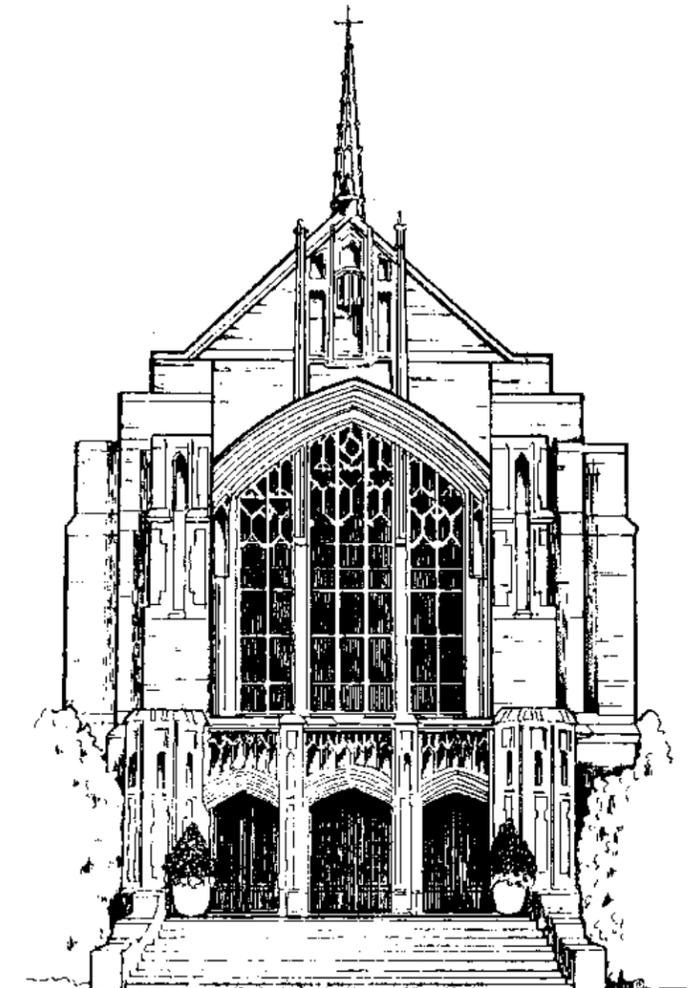
Annual Reports Due

Annual reports for 2018 are now due from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Reports can be emailed to fbc@fbccdayton.org. Please turn in reports as soon as possible so there is adequate time to prepare the booklet that will be distributed at our Congregational Potluck Dinner and 2019 Budget Presentation on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

Congregational Potluck Dinner & 2019 Budget Presentation

Deacons will provide chicken and drinks. Please RSVP. Last names A - L bring desserts Last names M - Z bring sides or salads

First Baptist Church of Dayton EPIPHANY OF THE LORD COMMUNION SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019



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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