

The First Baptist Church at Worship

7th Sunday After the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

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

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Come, Christians, Join to Sing "Madrid"
Softly and Tenderly "Thompson"
When Morning Gilds the Skies "Laudes Domini"
settings by Dennis R. Johnson

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

Rise and Greet the Sun Eugene Butler

Rise and greet the sun; God's day has begun.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#371 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

Martin Rinkart was a minister in the city of Eilenburg during the Thirty Years War. Apart from battles, lives were lost in great number during this time due to illnesses and disease spreading quickly throughout impoverished cities. In the Epidemic of 1637, Rinkart officiated at over four thousand funerals, sometimes fifty per day. In the midst of these horrors, it's difficult to imagine maintaining faith and praising God, and yet, that's exactly what Rinkart did. Sometime in the next twenty years, he wrote the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," originally meant to be a prayer said before meals. Rinkart could recognize that our God is faithful, and even when the world looks bleak, He is "bounteous" and is full of blessings, if only we look for them. Blessings as seemingly small as a dinner meal, or as large as the end of a brutal war and unnecessary bloodshed are all reasons to lift up our thanks to God, with our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT)

Awesome in This Place Dave Billington

You are awesome in this place, Mighty God,
You are awesome in this place, Abba Father;
You are worthy of all praise, to You our lives we raise,
You are awesome in this place Mighty God.

*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.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

PSALTER LESSON

Matthew Little

Psalm 37:1-11: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Luke 6:27-38: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#272 They'll Know We Are Christians ST. BRENDAN'S

Peter Scholtes (1938-2009) Peter was born in Evanston, Illinois and grew up in Oak Park, where he attended Ascension School and Fenwick High School before studying at Quigley and St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein seminaries. He earned his Master's in Adult Education and Organization Development at Boston University. Peter wrote the hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" while he was a parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s. At the time, he was leading a youth choir out of the church basement and was looking for an appropriate song for a series of ecumenical, interracial events. When he couldn't find such a song, he wrote the now-famous hymn in a single day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Debby Menzel

(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

#365 More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love Thee!

PASTORAL PRAYER and

Rev. Alspaugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Trust Me Richard Smallwood
I will be with you. I'll never leave you. I'll fight your battles.
If you will only trust me. I am that I am. I am all power.
I will deliver, if you will only trust me.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Who Is My Enemy?"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Praise Ye the Father Charles Gounod

Praise ye the Father, let all the earth sing praises! Praise ye, the Father, O bless our God with joyful hearts! He is our refuge, a present help in trouble, Praise ye His kindness, the honor of His majesty! God is our shield all our trust is in the Lord; He is our strength and our hope they who trust in Him are blessed! Sing unto God, for the heavens declare His glory! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! Let all the people praise Him! Praise Him in the heavens, all ye angels, sing His praises! Praise Him all ye stars of light! Praise ye Him, O ye heavens of heavens! Praise him for his mighty acts, sing exalt His name above the skies. God alone is our salvation and our strength, O praise ye His name.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (SEE INSERT) *All Things Come of Thee...*
BELMONT PARK

**All things come of Thee, O Lord:
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Matthew Little

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.)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
FAITHFULNESS

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1,200 poems by the Methodist Thomas O. Chisholm, writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen*
DANISH HYMN

*POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Stand Up for Jesus "Webb"
setting by Dennis R. Johnson

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

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care 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

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Lloyd Anderson	Lavanda Ferguson	Brad Pipenger
Sharon Appelt	Gough Family	Susan Reichard
Glen & Barbara Babb	Bev Harrell	Nestor Suro Rogas
Kenneth Barger	Linda Haskin	Judy See
Marlen Berghuis	Ron Hawkins	Anita Suro
Jessica Blair	Rosalie Hoffman	Helen Sutton
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Brown	Doris Landis	Arthur Tiffner
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Jim & Anne Veghte
Lynn Chadbourne	Mary K Lee	Harold & Janet West
Tami Malone Charles	Betty Lentz	Dr. Williams Family
Andy Collier	Vincent Liss	Judy Williams
Marilyn Craig	Jennifer Loxley	Warren Williams
Pamela Cress	Tim Meador	Peggie Worthey
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Military Duty:
Herbert Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sebastian Ewald
Bill Earnest	Rose Peacock	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Ron Petry	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of February 24 – March 3

Sun. 24	9:00a FUMC Worship (<i>Dining Room</i>)
	10:00a Worship Service
	11:15a Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p BYF Gathering
Mon. 25	11:30a Neighbors Lunch
Wed. 27	6:30p Bible Study
Thu. 28	7:30a Building Bridges Bible Study (<i>Ghostlight</i>)
	7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 3	9:00a FUMC Worship (<i>Dining Room</i>)
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Neighbors Lunch

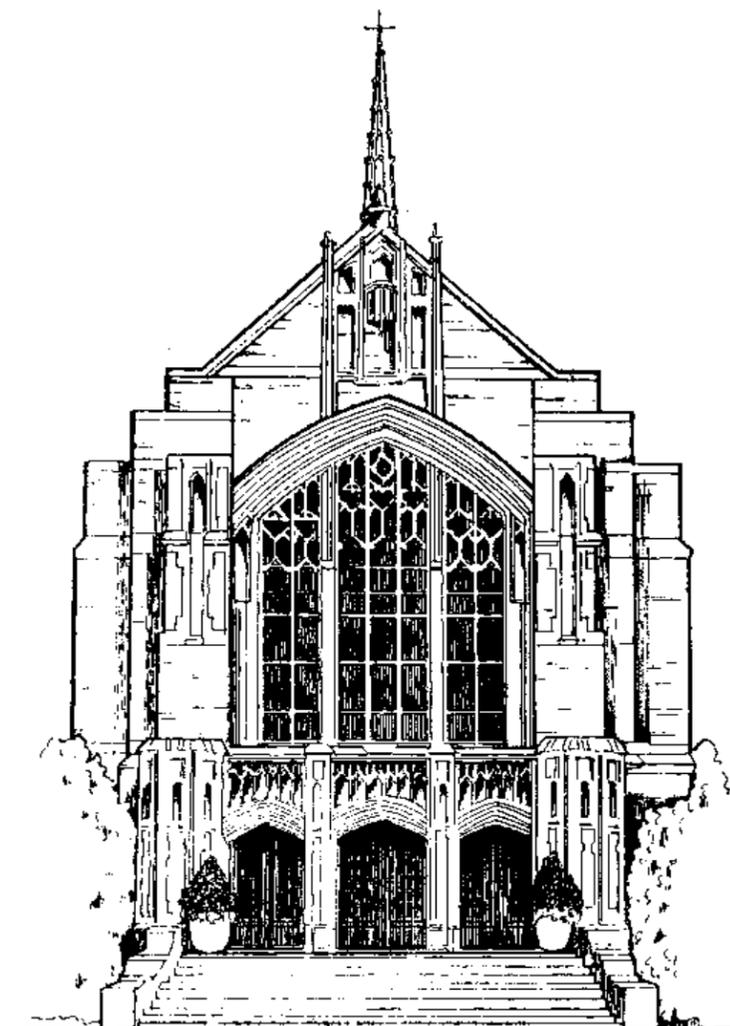
Monday, Feb. 25 @ 11:30-12:30

Menu: Chili, salad, rolls, and desserts. Need helpers and donations of desserts and one more pot of chili. Please check the sign-up sheet that is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you!

Art Show "Communion" by Jerome Stueart

Currently featured in Fellowship Hall, Jerome Stueart's art show, *Communion*, is a collection of new work that asks the question, What is Communion in the Life of the Church? While we know it is the bread and cup service we have at the first Sunday of each month, could it also be whenever we are together in fellowship as a church? Communion as community. The show features acrylic portraits of church members drinking tea and coffee together, a new acrylic portrait of the church building, and other scenes in acrylic or pen and ink from church life (the choir, the brick dedication). Prints can be ordered of everything in this show and 10% of the proceeds go to the church.

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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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