The First Baptist Church at Worship 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SUNDAY January 3, 2021

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

March of the Magi F. Flaxington Harker from the Cantata "The Star of Bethlehem"

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 5)

The text, tune, and carol are all English. Throughout the Christian world this carol has become a favorite during Advent because it describes the encounter the lowly Shepherds had with the host of Angels out in the fields. Born is the King of Israel. The carol is one of the few that can present a challenge to the best of singers because of its wide vocal range, which is why it is a favorite for many opera singers. There are many arrangements of this hymn as well as settings by famous British composers like Ralph Vaughan Williams. Let us celebrate the season with The First Nowell.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14: For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back. I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Rev. David Coggins

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

#124 The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL (The Children's Message is a separate video available on our website.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 6)

We are praying for the Lord is our light, we are praying for the Lord is our light. We are praying for the Lord is our light, we are praying for the Lord is our light. We are praying, Oh, we are praying for the Lord is our light. We are praying, Oh, we are praying for the Lord is our light.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Christ Is the Way arr. Hawkins

When I think about the hour then I know what I must do. When I think about what God has done for me I will open up my heart to everyone I see and say Jesus Christ is the way. No one knows the day nor the hour, may be morn, night, or noon but just rest assure time will be no more, He is coming, coming soon. Then I will open up my heart to everyone I see and say Jesus Christ is the way. Then I will open up my heart to everyone I see and say Jesus Christ is the way, and say Jesus Christ is the way.

THE SERMON

"Weeping and Consolation"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

#461 (v.1) Let Us Break Bread Together (See pg. 7)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 8)

The opening stanza is about the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. The middle three stanzas explain a meaning for each of the three gifts. Gold signified royalty, and frankincense, deity. Myrrh foretold that the Christ child was born to die. The last stanza summarizes the song, calling Jesus the "King and God and Sacrifice," and ending in a peal of alleluias.

BENEDICTION

#151 We Three Kings KINGS OF ORIENT

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Tia Seay, soloist

SIYAHAMBA

#155 We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

Rev. Coggins

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

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

Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave. Thank you!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Note! Please wear a mask over your mouth and nose, use hand sanitizer, and remain socially distanced from those outside your family group when entering and exiting. Please only enter and exit from the sanctuary and do not go to other areas of the church. If a restroom visit is required, please use the downstairs rooms.

Please fill out a **yellow card** to indicate your attendance, along with the pew number where you are sitting, in case we need to get in touch with you for contact tracing in the event that someone who attends become positive for COVID-19 soon afterward. Adjustments to our service include no offertory, but rather you will be able to leave your offering as you enter/exit. We are not singing aloud, though our musicians will provide hymns when you can read along, sing in your heart or hum quietly with your mask on.

We plan to **livestream** our Sunday worship service to our YouTube channel. This can be found at <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<u>http://www.fbcdayton.org/</u>) for later viewing. We will hold our live **Zoom Gathering** Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

Just go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and log-in with your <u>Amazon.com</u> username and password. Search for "<u>First Baptist Church Dayton</u>" in the list of charitable organizations and click "Select." Then each time you want to buy something through Amazon, go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> (not <u>Amazon.com</u>) and log-in and buy as you normally would. 0.5% of all eligible purchases will be donated to our church's BYF. Thanks for your support!

Annual Reports Due Jan. 4

Annual reports for 2020 are due by Monday, January 4, 2021 from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Reports can be emailed to Linda Blair at <u>fbc@fbcdayton.org</u>. Thank you.

Update Your Contact Information

Please contact the church office and share your most updated information. If you have moved, have a new cell phone number or email address, please share these new details at your earliest convenience.

Matthew 25 Clothing Bin

A clothing bin from Matthew 25 Ministries is now located in the church parking lot near the garden. Items to be placed in the bin include: New and gently-used clothing and shoes; new underwear and socks; new and gently-used household linens (towels, curtains, sheets, comforters, totes, aprons, backpacks). Weekly pick-ups will be made.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

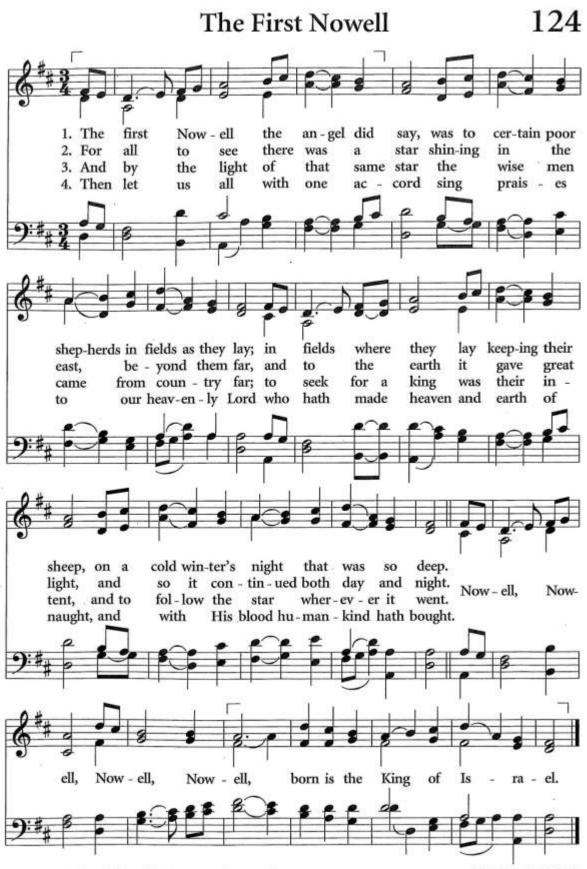
Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding 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.) Harry Alsup Neil Earnest **Michelle Smith** Paige Bartlett Lavanda Ferguson Helen Sutton Rebecca Bauer Ken Gordon **Emily Taylor** Molly Beam **Bev Harrell Torrey Thrash** Marlen Berghuis Linda Haskins Anne Veghte Jessica Blair Marva Hughes Sara Vice Don Brown Barbara Jett Waldrop Family Jessica Brown Doris Landis Janay Webster Robert Brown Anna Frances Lasley Zachery Williamson William Caldwell Vincent Liss **Peggie Worthey** Lynn Chadbourne Tim Meador Tami Malone Charles Arthur Merkle Healthcare Workers Miles-Curry Families Andy Collier **Police & Fire Fighters** Marilyn Craig Mary Ann Paloncy Military Duty: Pamela Cress **Pipenger Family** Sebastian Ewald Radachi Family Donna Curry Sunny Ewald Martha DeBold Susan Reichard Brittany Kalbfleisch Florida Dixon Judy See Andy Wilson Jim Earnest Judy Smith Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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OPENING HYMN



WORDS: Trad. English carol (Matt. 1:11; Luke 2:8-16) MUSIC: Trad. English carol

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with refrain

CALL TO PRAYER

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light 155

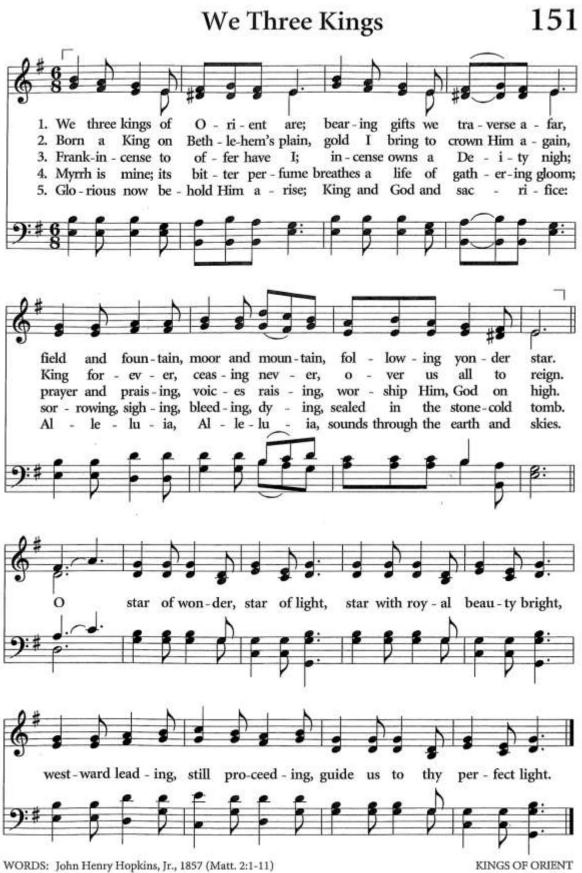


COMMUNION HYMN



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HYMN OF RESPONSE



MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857

8.8.8.6 with refrain