

First Baptist Church of Dayton at Worship
Epiphany Sunday Observed
Communion Sunday

January 5, 2020

10:00 AM

The Gathering

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

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Salvation Now Is Come to Earth Jan Sweelinck

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen English Carol
setting by George Wright

The Snow Lay on the Ground Leo Sowerby

Good King Wenceslas Traditional Carol
setting by Ovid Young

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

Come Let Us Adore Him
Adeste Fideles

*O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord
For He alone is worth, Christ the Lord
We give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#246 *The Church's One Foundation*
AURELIA

In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop John William Colenso of Natal raised a ruckus in the Catholic Church when he challenged the historicity and authority of many of the Old Testament books. Bishop Gray of Capetown wrote a stirring response of defense, which, in 1866, inspired Samuel Stone, to write this beloved hymn, basing his text on Article 9 of the Apostle's Creed: "The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints; He is the Head of this Body." Now an affirmation of Christ as the foundation of our faith, we sing this hymn with those who have gone before us and with Christians around the world, declaring that beyond any theological differences, cultural divides, and variances in practice, we are all part of the same body, the body of Christ.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#705 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*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.)

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Tim Holmen

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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

#143 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
GO TELL IT

In the Bible, the mountain often represents the holy presence of God. Moses has to go up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and to see the Promised Land. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on a mountain, an event signifying the full embodiment of the divine nature and holiness of Christ. In the Old Testament especially, the mountain is also a place that is set apart – not just everyone can go up the mountain to be in God's presence. Psalm 24:3 asks, "Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?" God's presence came down to the mountain, and the mountain was the barrier between the Israelites and God's presence, much like the curtain in the temple dividing the people from the Holy of Holies. When Christ was born however, God's presence came down to His people in a new form, in the helplessness of a baby. And the story doesn't end there - Christmas points us to Easter, when Christ ripped the curtain in the temple and became the bridge between us and the Father, God's holy presence in and among us. When Christ was transfigured, he had with him Peter, James and John. The glory of the LORD was no longer barred from His people. The mountain is no longer a barrier between us and God, but a place to shout the good news of God's presence among his people in the incarnation of Christ Jesus, to "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(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

#399 (v.1) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
Taizé Community

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord,
hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Come All You Worthy Christians arr. David Willcocks

Come all you worthy gentlemen that may be standing by, Christ our blessed Saviour was born on Christmas Day. The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray, O we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy! Christ our blessed Saviour now in the manger lay. He's lying in the manger while oxen feed on hay. The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray, O we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy! God bless the ruler of this house, and long on may he reign, Many happy Christmases he lives to see again! God bless our generation, who live both far and near, and we wish them a happy, a happy New Year!

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"They Shall Be Radiant"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Rev. Berghuis and Rev. Coggins)

PREPARATION TIME

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Coggins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD

#469 (vs.1&3) *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* (ST. COLUMBA)
Congregation and Choir

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

#469 (vs.4 & 5) *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* (ST. COLUMBA)
Congregation and Choir

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

Responding to God

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Flemish Carol..... arr. John Rutter

A little child on earth has been born, He came to earth for the sake of us all. He came to earth but no home did He find, He came to earth and its cross did he bear. He came to earth for the sake of us all, and wishes us all a happy New Year.

*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 Tim Holmen

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 #23 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
ROYAL OAK

In his book on hymns, Albert Bailey writes of this particular one, "For once Mrs. Alexander has forgotten her theology and lost herself in the beauty of nature" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 354). Many of us, if not all, have had these moments. Whether we're in a park, on a mountain, at the sea or a lake, or simply driving down the highway with a glorious sunset behind us, it is not difficult to find ourselves lost in the beauty of God's creation. These scenes should bring to mind Genesis 1:31: "And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Albert Bailey is perhaps mistaken when he claims that Alexander forgot her theology in the writing of these verses. For when we are in the midst of God's creation, are our ideas of who God is not being shaped by all that we see? God made a good creation, and He loves it. Our God is a good God, who gives us good things, and then tasks us with taking care of them. Our God is imaginative, and His creation is both whimsical and sometimes startlingly majestic. Let us lift our voices in praise to our maker, the creator of all things bright and beautiful.

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 #512 *We Go In Peace*
EDWARDS

**We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy
from the Lord above to tell the world this very thing:
that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!**

*POSTLUDE Gregory Land

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

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

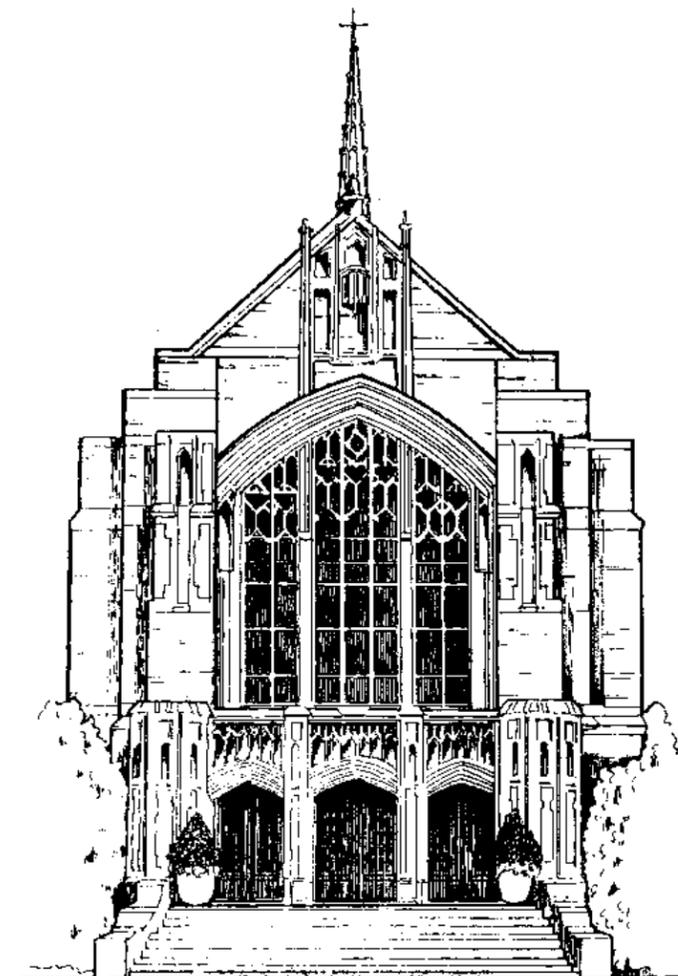


Note: The communion bread is gluten-free.

Annual Reports are Due

Annual reports covering the year 2019 are due from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Reports can be emailed to fbcd@fbcd Dayton.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 Dinner & Budget Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020**. Thank you.

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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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