

The First Baptist Church at Worship
3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
January 23, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Great Is Thy Faithfulness "Faithfulness"
Have Thine Own Way, Lord "Adelaide"
Precious Lord Take My Hand Traditional
Heavenly Sunlight George H. Cook; settings by Diane Bish

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light Siyahamba
We are singing for the Lord is our light

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#404 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
NEED

When this hymn was first published in 1873, this Bible verse was included underneath the title, *Without me ye can do nothing*, from John 15:5. Each of the first four stanzas of this hymn dwells on a different facet of our dependence on God: our need for His peace, our inability to resist temptation alone, our need to find true meaning in life, and our desire to see God's promises fulfilled. The fifth stanza is an intense plea for God's presence.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

William Henry Caldwell

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10: All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest

and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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 Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Luke 4:14-21: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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!

***FELLOWSHIP HYMN**

#323 *How Great Thou Art*
HOW GREAT THOU ART

The author of this hymn, Stuart K. Hine and his wife were missionaries in the Western Ukraine of Russia, where they evangelized as Christian workers and singers. In 1931, they returned to Britain and conducted gospel campaigns throughout Great Britain. During those years, Stuart published many songbooks and wrote many of his beloved gospel songs. Stuart retired from the active ministry but continued to publish his song books and his music and contributed the majority of his income to various missionary endeavors around the world. *How Great Thou Art* is one of the greatest hymns ever written and is a favorite for many singers. This hymn was recently heard at the funeral of the late Secretary of State and United States General Colin Powell. It was performed by Whitley Phelps.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. Following the message they may go to Sunday school—PreK-3 graders will be downstairs in Rm. 4, and 4-6 graders will be in the 1st Floor Parlor. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#385 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*
WHELPTON

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Directed by William Henry Caldwell

Wonderful Words of Life arr. William Henry Caldwell

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“The Reading and the Sense”

The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
ASSAM

As this hymn of commitment is sung, think about what it really means to follow Jesus. When someone volunteered to follow Him, Jesus' response was *foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head*. This seems almost brutal, but it is true. The author of this hymn was most likely a convert in India facing persecution and possibly death for this commitment. As expressed through the song, this Christian had taken to heart Jesus' warning that *no one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God*.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*BENEDICTION

#522 v.1 *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*
ST. PETER

**O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth to do Your will this day.**

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name “Coronation”; setting by Diane Bish

(*) 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!



*The beautiful silk flower arrangement is a gift to the church from Mary Malone.
Thank you Mary!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our in-person worship! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

COVID-19 Practices: Due to the high spread of COVID-19 by way of the very contagious omicron variant, we ask that everyone, vaccinated and unvaccinated, please wear a mask and practice physical distancing during our worship and Sunday School times.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>). Live zoom gatherings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00PM unless otherwise announced. 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.

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.)

Elizabeth Ard	Neil Earnest	Judy Smith
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Chas Snyder
Marlen Berghuis	Joel Frydman	Sutton Family
Allyson Black	Bev Harrell	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Emily Taylor
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Anne Veghte
Melinda Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Sara Vice
Robert Brown	Brad Lawson	Waldrop Family
Andrew Caldwell	Jerry Lawson	Zachery Williamson
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Trish Lawson	<i>Healthcare Workers</i>
Tami Malone Charles	Steve Liss	<i>Police & Fire Fighters</i>
June Collier	Tim Meador	
Ruth Cook	Arthur Merkle	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	John D. & Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Dilworth Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Florida Dixon	Susan Reichard	Will Radachi
Downs Family	Bill Salyers	Andy Wilson
Jim Earnest	Judy See	

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Jan. 23 – 30

Sun. 23	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	BYF Gathering
	3:00p	Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton
Wed. 26	2:00p	Bible Study
Thu. 27	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 30	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Congregational Meeting / Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities

Today after worship there will be a team of photographers available in the sanctuary to take your photo and email address for our electronic directory.

Copies of the January Courier newsletter are available on the table by the church office.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Church History from Constantine to the Early Middle Ages

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays @ 11:30am in the 1st Floor Chapel

January 9 - 30

BYF Gathering Today

Sunday, January 23 / 12:15-2:30pm

Our BYF (grades 6-12) continues to gather here at First Baptist on the second and fourth Sundays of the month for food, fellowship, faith conversations and generally good fun. Friends are always welcome. We just ask that they turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form, which is available from Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). And if you have any questions or would like to help provide a meal for the group some time, please contact Pastor Jason.

INTERFAITH FORUM OF GREATER DAYTON

"Building synergy from faith diversity toward an inclusive America"

Today, Jan. 23 @ 3pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

(in person & virtual – bring vegetarian if you wish)

Faith perspectives in an adverse moral climate:

~ Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Indigenous, Jewish, Multi-spiritual, Muslim, Sikh ~

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84904686655>

Meeting ID: 849 0468 6655

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 30 after worship to approve the 2022 budget

COMING IN FEBRUARY! NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Understanding the Black Church in America

Led by Rev. David Coggins

Sundays @ 11:30am

February 6 - 27

1st Floor - CHAPEL

In concert with the celebration of Black History Month at FBC, the Adult Sunday School class will focus its attention on increasing our understanding of the Black Church in America. Based upon the writings of leaders in the African American community the class will present a survey of the social and religious development history of the Black Church in America. In particular the class will be structured around the four movements of the Black Church as identified by Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, who is also the recently elected senator representing Georgia. Other contributions to the class come from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., E Franklin Frazier, and C. Eric Lincoln.

Recommended Reading:

The Negro Church in America, E Franklin Frazier

The Black Church Since Frazier, C. Eric Lincoln

Strength to Love, Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Divided Mind of the Black Church, Raphael G. Warnock