# The First Baptist Church at Worship

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Andante tranquillo – On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34)
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

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** 

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

\*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 5)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies RATISBON

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light. The tune's name honors its German roots. Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

# Listening for the Word of God

\*GOSPEL LESSON William Henry Caldwell

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Mark 1:21-28: They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 Children's Message is a separate video available on our website.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 6)

#155 We Are Singing, 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 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.

Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC Brad Kallenberg, soloist

God, our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own, make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known. Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod; in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first believers, Savior, give us strength to love and serve: when our fragile bodies waver, by Your Spirit us preserve.

Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be one; by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your Son.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true, that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you." Join our lives in mighty chorus till we sound from every place, with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

## "Powerful Teaching"

# The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

**#307** All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order. Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery. It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut. It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, *Canticle of the Sun*, later paraphrased into the beloved hymn we sing today. As we sing this hymn, we join with Christians throughout the ages and with all of Creation to sing our praises to God the Creator. Psalm 145 says, *My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever*. This is our call and our invitation, and now, using the words God has given us through the voice of a Saint, we answer that invitation with a joyful *Alleluia!* 

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Allegro – On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

(\*) 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<a href="http://www.fbcdayton.org/">https://www.fbcdayton.org/</a>) 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.

#### 2021 Lenten Devotional - Call for Submissions

Believe it or not, the Season of Lent starts next month on Ash Wednesday, February 17 (!). And one of the things we have done in the past as a congregation is co-create a daily devotional for the 40-days of Lent. I would like to help do this again as a way of bringing our voices and perspectives together, especially in a time when so many of us remain apart from each other out of care. Perhaps the easiest way to achieve this would be for those wishing to contribute a daily reflection to contact me via email (<a href="mailto:jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org">jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org</a>) or phone (937-631-3579), and I could assign you a day and provide some suggested Scriptures upon which to reflect. Reflections can be prose, poetry, art, photography, etc. This invitation to contribute is open to folks of all ages. And I hope to make it available in print and online. In order to leave sufficient time for editing and composition, I'd ask that devotions be submitted by Wednesday, February 10. I look forward to hearing from you all! ~Pastor Jason

## **Annual Meeting Jan. 31**

Our Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday evening, January 31 at 5:00 PM (during our regularly scheduled Zoom gathering). We will be voting to approve our 2021 budget and our slate of board and committee members. A few printed copies of the report are available on the table by the church office.

### **El Salvador Scholarships**

If you are sponsoring a student form El Salvador and are paying yearly, now is the time to do that. If you are paying monthly, please continue to do so. If you are not currently sponsoring a student but would like to, contact Pastor Jason. He has students that need sponsors.

Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton
"What Keeps YOU Up at Night?"
Sunday, January 31 @ 4pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 972 1266 4020
https://zoom.us/j/97212664020

The Interfaith Forum January meeting has local leaders speaking to Dayton action and progress in five areas of negative impact on all our lives: racism, poverty, militarism vs peace, ecological devastation . . . and a distorted morality. Join us in this virtual meeting.

#### **COVID Vaccinations**

Have you made plans for a COVID vaccination yet? Those in their 70's are becoming eligible and we encourage you to accomplish this important personal and public health step as soon as you can. Roger Stephens and Gina Greenwood have graciously offered to help people navigate the system so if you have questions, please contact Roger at <a href="mailto:jsteph40@aol.com">jsteph40@aol.com</a> or 937-470-1972, or contact Gina at <a href="mailto:jsteph40@aol.com">jsteph40@aol.com</a> or 937-470-1972.



### **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
Molly Beam	Ken Gordon	Emily Taylor
Marlen Berghuis	Bev Harrell	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Sara Vice
Jessica Brown	Doris Landis	Waldrop Family
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Janay Webster
William Caldwell	Vincent Liss	Zachery Williamson
Lynn Chadbourne	Tim Meador	Peggie Worthey
Tami Malone Charles	Arthur Merkle	Healthcare Workers
Andy Collier	Miles-Curry Families	Police & Fire Fighters
Marilyn Craig	Mary Ann Paloncy	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Pipenger Family	Sebastian Ewald
Martha DeBold	Susan Reichard	Sunny Ewald
Florida Dixon	Judy See	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Judy Smith	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

#### **OPENING HYMN**



#### **CALL TO PRAYER**

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#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

# 307 All Creatures of Our God and King

