

The First Baptist Church at Worship

6th Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2020

10:00 AM

The Gathering

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

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Adagio in a minor; "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" J. S. Bach

"Aurelia" ("The Church's One Foundation") Timothy Albrecht

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 #472 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. David Coggins

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #246 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

In the mid-19th 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 #362 I Love You, Lord I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

\*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 Charlene Bayless

Deuteronomy 30:15-20: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

\*GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew. People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Matthew 5:21:37: "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

Peter Scholtes wrote this hymn while he was a parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960's. At the time, he was teaching a youth choir in the church basement and was looking for an appropriate song for a series of ecumenical, interracial events.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ray Landis

(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 #386 (v.1) Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors) Rev. Dr. Berghuis

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

The Lord's Prayer ..... Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive use our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For this is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Law Written on the Heart"

Responding to God

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Because He Lives ..... William Gaither

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grace is there to prove my Savior lives. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy He gives; but greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives. And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know who holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #667 (v.3) *As Saints of Old...*  
FOREST GREEN

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
To serve Your cause, to share Your love and show to all Your way.  
O God, who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Charlene Bayless

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 #235 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*  
TRENTHAM

This hymn has been placed in hundreds of hymnals because of its powerful and overwhelming invitation of God's spirit into the body. The lyrics seem amazingly simple and sensitive for a man who was so intensely educated and driven. The gentle tune swells and falls gracefully, almost like it is breathing itself. This hymn encapsulates a deep desire to be renewed in Christ, and purified by the Holy Spirit. "Breathe on me, Breath of God," has uplifted the hearts of many a Christian and remains an immortal favorite.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,  
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION #510 (v.1) *Lord, Here Am I*  
BECK

**Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find  
Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my  
labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."**

\*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Rigaudon ..... Jean-Baptiste Lully



### 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.)*

Sharon Appelt	Pamela Cress	Rose Peacock
Arrasmith Family	Florida Dixon	Ron Petry
Kenneth Barger	Jim Earnest	Ron Pipenger
Rebecca Bauer	Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Reichard
Marlen Berghuis	Ken Gordon	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Bev Harrell	Soloski Family
Don Brown	Linda Haskin	Emily Taylor
Jessica Brown	Barbara Jett	Torrey Thrash
Robert Brown	Judy Kelly	Veghte Family
Mary Caldwell	Lenore Kimbrough	Sara Vice
Robert Caldwell	Anna Frances Lasley	Peggie Worthey
Lynn Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	
Sydney Chadbourne	Tim Meador	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Tami Malone Charles	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Andy Collier	Lois Miles	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Marilyn Craig	Mary Ann Paloncy	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

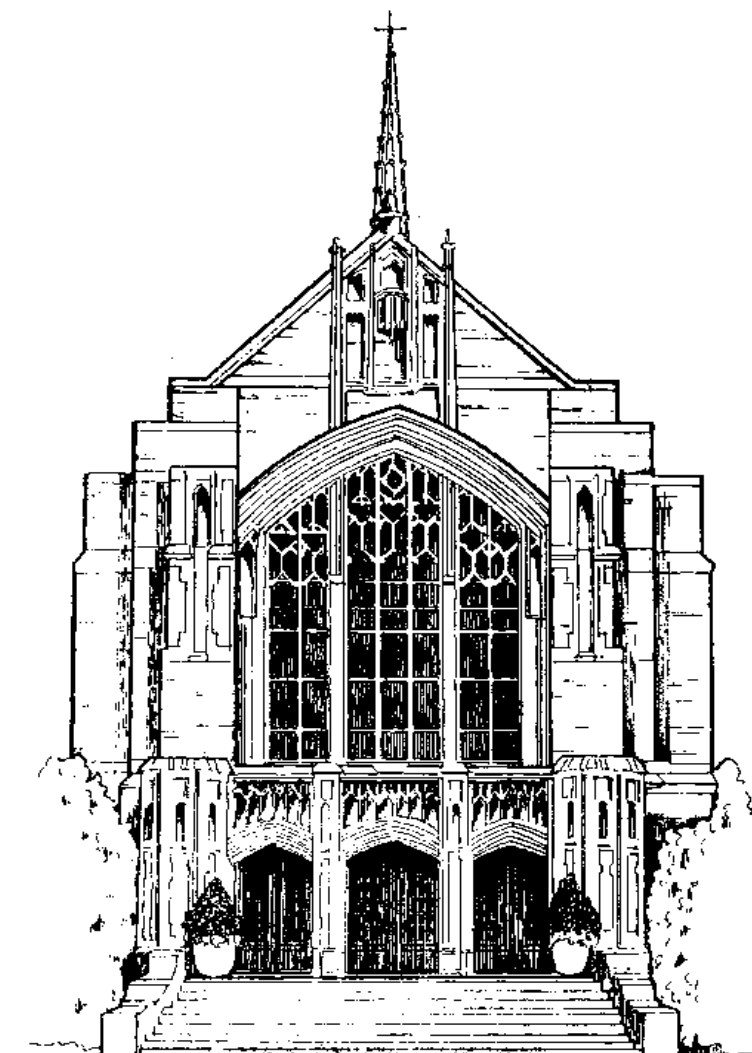
### Week of February 16 – 23

Sun. 16	9:00a	..... FUMC Worship ( <i>Dining Room</i> )
	9:15a	..... BYF Outing to Harmony Creek
	10:00a	..... Worship Service
	11:15a	..... Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	..... Sunday School Classes / Activities
Wed. 19	6:30p	..... Executive Council Meeting
	6:30p	..... Bible Study
Thu. 20	7:30a	..... Bible Study @ Ghostlight
	7:00p	..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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### An Invitation to Be a Children's Messenger

Do you enjoy teaching children? Do you have a gift for storytelling? Have you ever witnessed the Children's Message moment in worship and thought you'd like to share a message with the kids sometime? If so, we'd like to invite you to consider being a Children's Messenger. This could be a one-time thing, or you could be a part of a regular monthly schedule of messengers. **We are especially looking for Children's Messengers for the months of April, May, and June, while Pastor Jason is away on sabbatical. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Jason and/or add your name on the Sign-Up sheet that is now posted on the bulletin board located in the hallway on the first floor. Thanks!**

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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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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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