

The First Baptist Church at Worship
3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 22, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude
Diferencias sobre el Canto del Caballero Antonio da Cabazon
Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
Plein Jeu Louis Marchand
Fugue on the Kyrie François Couperin

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
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Woke Up This Mornin' Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on Jesus, hallelujah.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*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.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Rev. Mark Craig

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set

me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:12-17

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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!

*MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Alspaugh

Beverly Eileen Cowden
July 17, 1929 – January 4, 2023

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

Sunday School Song for Seniors

It has been said that the three most beautiful words of all are "I love you." Jesus said "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." In every stanza of this hymn and in the refrain, we repeat with assurance that Jesus still loves us even as we age because He's proved it over and over. Thank you Debby Menzel for this wonderful adaptation.

Sung to the tune of #603 Jesus Loves Me (CHINA)
Text by Debby Menzel

**Jesus loves me this I know, all my life He's proved its so.
Seniors still to Him belong, I'm often weak, He's always strong!
Yes, Jesus loves me, All my life He's loved me. Still Jesus loves me,
He's proved it o'er and o'er.**

**He has helped me all my life, brought me peace in midst of strife
Gave me strength for every day, walked beside me all the way.
Yes, Jesus loves me, All my life He's loved me. Still Jesus loves me,
He's proved it o'er and o'er.**

**When I reach my long road's end, there with me still my life-long friend.
I'll lay my head on Jesus' breast, He'll bare me to my final rest.
Yes, Jesus loves me, All my life He's loved me. Still Jesus loves me,
He's proved it o'er and o'er.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#396 v.1 *For Such a Time As This*
MELITA

**For such a time as this, O Lord, we seek the gift of grace outpoured,
upon Your people everywhere, bowed down with sorrow, filled with care;
now bless us, Lord, we humbly plead, with grace sufficient for our need.**

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

Rev. David Coggins

**Our Father, who art 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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Lord Is My Light Stephen Key/Caldwell

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?
In the time of trouble He shall hide me. Whom shall I fear?
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Whom shall I fear?*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Heaven Has Come Near"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#425 *How Firm a Foundation*
FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation is a hymn that for over two centuries has assured believers of the faithfulness of Christ and the certainty of hope. The first verse acts almost as an introduction to the rest of the text, giving us cause to stop and ponder the Word of assurance that God has given us, described in greater detail in the next four verses. Those four verses are in fact paraphrases of Scripture passages: Isaiah 41:10, 43:2, Romans 8:3-39, Hebrews 13:5, and Deuteronomy 31:6. In the words of this hymn then, we carry with us the Word from God, and the call to trust in that Word. But God's Word is expansive and not limited to letters on a page - the fifth verse moves us to a trust in the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Thus we are assured by the words we sing, the Word we are given, and the Word made flesh, of the steadfastness of God and His unfailing love.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Now Say a Prayer
Jester Hairston

*Now say a prayer for each other till we meet again, say a prayer for each other till we meet again,
say a prayer for each other, for your sister and your brother,
say a prayer for each other till we meet again.*

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne Dietrich Buxtehude

(*) 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

Welcome to our worship service! 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 Update: Montgomery County is in the "Medium" COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended actions at the medium level read this way: "Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking additional precautions." For more information see www.cdc.gov.

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/>).

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.)

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| Elizabeth Ard | Tim Earnest | Judy See |
| Paige Bartlett | Lavanda Ferguson | Judy Smith |
| Bayless Family | Bev & Bill Harrell | Chas Snyder |
| Jessica Blair | Linda Haskins | Kaye Suryk |
| Don Brown | Barbara Jett | Emily Taylor |
| Melinda Brown | Ray Landis | Anne Veghte |
| Gerald Busch | Anna Frances Lasley | Amy Wadham |
| Alan Carroll | Janet Lasley | Kay Wingham |
| Mary Anne Chadbourne | Gene & Mary K Lee | Military Duty: |
| Tami Malone Charles | Mary Malone | Sebastian Ewald |
| Cowden Family | Tom McKenzie | Sunny Ewald |
| Pamela Cress | Arthur Merkle | Brittany Kalbfleisch |
| Florida Dixon | John & Shirley Nash | Will Radachi |
| Jim Earnest | Mary Ann Paloncy | Andy Wilson |
| Neil Earnest | Rose Peacock | |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Jan. 22 – 29

Sun. 22	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
	4:00p	.....	AGO Master Class
Wed. 25	1:00p	.....	Heritage Committee Meeting
	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 26	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 29	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
		.....	Annual Congregational Meeting
		.....	to approve 2023 Budget
	4:00p	.....	Stivers Women's Chorus

Adult Education Class

The Rise of Islam to Charlemagne with Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays at 11:30am | January 8 - 22
1st Floor – Chapel

This series of lectures will begin with Justinian and the Byzantine Empire. A war between the Byzantines and the Persians leaves both empires exhausted. At that moment Islam exploded out of Arabia, capturing Jerusalem and much of the heartland of Christianity. Early in the development of Islam, there was a split between the Sunnis and the Shi'ites (followers of Ali) which still marks Islam to this day. The Muslims were the global middle men and brought much important knowledge to the West such as Arabic numerals. Victories at Constantinople and at Poitiers in 732 by Charles Martel stopped the Muslim advance. Charlemagne was heir to two generations of Carolingians who created an empire that he would expand. He promoted the standard of writing and literacy. He protected the pope in Rome and in 800 was crowned Holy Roman Emperor. He waged a series of wars against the pagan Saxons to bring them under his control and to force them to accept Christianity.

BYF Gathering Today

Sunday, Jan. 22 @ 12:15-2:30pm

STIVERS SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Women's Chorus

Sunday, Jan. 29 @ 4pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton



The music department at First Baptist Church of Dayton is happy to begin the year with a special concert featuring the sensational women's chorus from the Stivers School for the Arts under the direction of Paula Powell. The Stivers choral program has been celebrated as one of the finest choral programs in the state public school system. The vocal ensembles at Stivers have always received "one ratings" for their annual participation in state-wide choral festivals and conferences. The women's chorus will perform vocal music of all periods and styles in the sanctuary at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 29. A free will offering will be taken to help support the vocal music program at Stivers, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall immediately afterwards.

Annual Congregational Meeting Jan. 29

The annual congregational meeting will take place after service on January 29th to approve the 2023 budget.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
Shaping Worship at First Baptist
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
February 5-19 in the 1st Floor - Chapel

Join us for a three part series that seeks to share how we as a staff shape the worship services for First Baptist. We'll start by taking a broad look at the Christian Liturgical Year, and how and why it informs our local liturgical decisions and practices. Then we'll learn about our music ministry and what is involved in the preparation of the music for worship. Finally, we'll gain some insight from our pastors about their own preaching practices--their style, how they prepare, how they create a sermon. We hope this series will give you a better sense of all that goes into our worship life, and perhaps inspire you to somehow share in the ways it is shaped.



ORGAN RECITAL
Grant Wareham
Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 4:00pm
First Baptist Church of Dayton

First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio will present in a special organ recital the highly acclaimed organist and Dayton native, Grant Wareham. Grant studied organ with the late Jerry Taylor who was organist and music director at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Kettering. He has studied at the prestigious organ schools at Rice University and Yale University. Grant has presented organ recitals throughout the United States and at some of the most celebrated venues in the world. He is excited to return to Dayton which is his hometown and play a special recital on the outstanding unique installation at First Baptist Church. His appearance is made possible by a gift from Tim and Connie Holmen. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to support and maintain the organ at First Baptist Church.

El Salvador Scholarships

If you are sponsoring a student from 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, please contact Pastor Jason at jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org. He has students that need sponsors.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the *AmazonSmile* Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your Amazon.com username and password. Search for "First Baptist Church Dayton" in the list of charitable organizations and click "Select." Then each time you want to buy something through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com (not Amazon.com) 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!

STEWARDSHIP 2023

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2023, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks and on the table by the church office. Thank you!
