

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 29, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Prelude on "Adoro te devote" ..... Healey Willan  
"Benedictus" ("Blessed is He") ..... François Couperin le Grand  
Preludes on "Slane" ..... Ian Higginson and Paul Manz

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

#71 *Be Thou My Vision*  
SLANE

According to mythology, when St. Patrick was a missionary in Ireland in the 5th century, King Logaire of Tara decreed that no one was allowed to light any fires until a pagan festival was begun by the lighting of a fire on Slane Hill. In a move of defiance against this pagan ritual, St. Patrick did light a fire, and, rather than execute him, the king was so impressed by his devotion that he let Patrick continue his missionary work. Three centuries later, a monk named Dallan Forgaill wrote the Irish poem, "Rop tú mo Baile" ("Be Thou my Vision), to remember and honor the faith of St. Patrick. Forgaill was martyred by pirates, but his poetry lived on as a part of the Irish monastic tradition for centuries until, in the early 20th century, Mary Elizabeth Byrne translated the poem into English, and in 1912, Eleanor Hull versified the text into what is now a well-loved hymn and prayer that at every moment of our lives, God would be our vision above all else.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 15

Rev. Mark Craig

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. David Coggins

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

**#407** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
OLIVET

This hymn was written as a personal response to the realization of what Christ meant to the author, Ray Palmer. It is a prayer, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is the only source of forgiveness, love, comfort, and salvation.

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. 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. 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

The Women of the Chancel Choir

The Storm is Passing Over ..... Charles Albert Tindley  
arr. Barbara W. Baker

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on.  
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over,  
Halleluia, Halleluia, the storm is passing over. Hallelu...*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Who Gets to Run Heaven?”*

## The Response of God’s People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#631 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
DONNA

George Matheson was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1842. He was exceptionally bright and graduated with honors from the University of Glasgow when he was 19 years old. It wasn’t long after the conclusion of his studies that Matheson went through tremendous grief. To his dismay, he found that he was quickly going blind and as he broke the news to his beloved fiancée, she decided that she could not endure being the wife of a blind man and left him shortly before they were to be married. God blessed Matheson with a devoted sister, who cared for him daily for many years, but as time went on and she was to be married, he again suffered under the weight of facing his blindness alone. It was the night of her wedding, as he went through intense mental suffering, which the words of *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* came to him as if dictated.

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.*

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Trumpet Tune and Minuet ..... Ian Higginson

(\*) 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](http://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.)*

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

### Week of Jan. 29 – Feb. 5

Sun. 29	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
		.....	Annual Meeting to approve Budget
		.....	(No Sunday School Classes/Activities)
	4:00p	.....	Stivers Women's Chorus
Thu. 2	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

### Annual Congregational Meeting Today

This annual meeting will take place after service today to approve the 2023 budget.

**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.

**NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS STARTS FEB. 5**

***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](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). He has students that need sponsors.

## **Board Meetings**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 @ 6:30pm**

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS STARTS FEB. 26**

### ***"Loss, Grief, and Lent"***

**Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm**

**February 26 – March 26, 2023**

**Facilitator: Rev. David Coggins**

#### **Week 1 – Feb 26**

"Counting our Losses" – Genesis 2:15-17

#### **Week 2 – Mar 5**

"The Rooster Crows" – Luke 22:55-62

#### **Week 3 – Mar 12**

"Let's Make a Deal" – Matthew 4:1-11

#### **Week 4 – Mar 19**

"Reality Check" – I Samuel 16:1-5

#### **Week 5 – Mar 26**

"Rebirth" – Ephesians 5:8-14

The road to Calvary was littered with losses and grief. Just ask the disciples. Not every day walking with Jesus was characterized by the song "Oh Happy Day". Ash Wednesday is a waypoint in our spiritual journey that redirects us for a time down the path of reflection and confession on the meaning of our walk with Jesus.

For this season of Lent the Adult Sunday School Class will give an opportunity for us to share together our life journeys through the experiences of loss and grief under the revealing light of some familiar Lenten texts. The longer we live, the more opportunity we have in our life to experience the loss of persons, pets, possessions and lifestyle that have had significant meaning for us. There are few places where we can talk about our experience of loss and grief. Our hope is that this class will provide a place for you to share your experiences as well as to hear the experiences of others so that you do not feel alone in your walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

The class format will be interactive dialogue between participants guided by the facilitator. Everyone will be given opportunity to share from personal experiences as they feel comfortable. Together as a group we will share strategies that have helped us to move past our losses in order to can embrace a rebirth in our own spiritual walk. Privacy and respect will be given to all participants who share or choose not to share personal stories.

## **Donations for Homefull**

Donation items needed for Homefull are household cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaning solutions, etc. Please bring items to church and place in the designated bin in the narthex. Thank you for your continuing support of the drive to provide items needed by those individuals and families moving from the street and shelters into permanent housing.

## **In Case of Church Cancellations**

In the event that the church closes due to inclement weather, it will be displayed on the WHIO-TV listing of cancellations, and also posted on the church Facebook page.