

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
February 12, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Suite on Afro-American Hymn Tunes ..... Charles Callahan

- I. Fanfare on "McKee" (In Christ There Is No East or West)
- II. Improvisation on "Lattimer" (This Little Light of Mine)
- III. Communion (Let Us Break Bread Together)
- IV. Postlude on Two Spirituals (Go Down, Moses *and* I Want to be Ready)

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

We Are Standing on Holy Ground ..... Geron Davis

*We are standing on Holy Ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on Holy Ground.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

\*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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Elijah Cox

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: Matthew 5:21-26

Rev. Alsbaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

"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."

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

#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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ray Landis

(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 (See pg. 7)

(Vs. 1 & 4) *Lord, Be Glorified*  
ADORATION & PRAISE

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In my heart, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my heart, Lord, be glorified today.**

\*MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. David Coggins

**Rose A. Peacock**

*October 3, 1931 – January 29, 2023*

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

Chancel Choir

What a Fellowship ..... Mark Hayes

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim's way Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning on Jesus, leaning I'm leaning on the everlasting arms  
What have I to dread, what have I to fear Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

THE SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Perkins

*“Choosing the Path of Life”*

The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 8)

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*  
STORY OF JESUS

Christian theology includes the beliefs that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of a virgin named Mary, performed miracles, founded the Christian Church, died by crucifixion as a sacrifice to achieve atonement for sin, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, from where he will return.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Perkins

CHORAL BENEDICTION

**#523** *God Be With You*  
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome” ..... setting by Carl Haywood

(Carl Haywood has been a friend and colleague of  
Dr. William Henry Caldwell for over forty years.)

(\*) 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 "Low" COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended actions at the low level read this way: "Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses. Maintain ventilation improvements. Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Follow the recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions." 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.fbcd Dayton.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	Tim Earnest	Judy See
Bartlett Family	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Bayless Family	Bev & Bill Harrell	Chas Snyder
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Emily Taylor
Gerald Busch	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Lasley Family	Amy Wadham
Tami Malone Charles	Gene & Mary K Lee	Kay Wingham
Cowden Family	Mary Malone	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Brett Domescik	John & Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy	Will Radachi
Neil Earnest	Peacock Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

## Memorial Service for Paige Bartlett

Paige Bartlett's memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church on Monday, February 20 at 11:00 AM, with interment to follow at Woodland Cemetery. A visitation will be held Sunday, February 19 from 1-3 PM at Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E Stroop Road.

## Week of February 12 – 19

Sun. 12	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12:15p	BYF Gathering
	4:00p	Grant Wareham Organ Recital
Mon. 13	1:00p	Heritage Committee Meeting
Wed. 15	6:30p	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 16	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 17	6:00p	Pos-4-Pos Meeting/Dinner
Sun. 19	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes/Activities

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### ***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 THIS AFTERNOON!

#### ***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.

### Executive Council Meeting

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 6:30pm**

### Welcome Class

You may be new (or sort of new!) to our church and would like to get to know more about our congregational life, or you may be interested in becoming a member. Pastor Kent Berghuis will be offering a Welcome Class during the month of March from 11:30-12:15 on Sundays, beginning March 5 in his upstairs office. Let us know if you plan to attend by yellow card in the offering baskets, email [kberghuis@fbccdayton.org](mailto:kberghuis@fbccdayton.org), phone/text 937-344-7775, or tell Pastor Kent in person. Come and get to know each other and our church better, and become a part of the good things we have going on together!

## **Baptism: A Call to Discipleship**

The Season of Lent will soon be upon us, and has traditionally been a time of preparation for those contemplating their baptisms and decisions to follow Christ. And so, we are once again inviting folks to consider the call of Christ on their lives, and their readiness to answer that call to follow by passing through the waters of baptism.

If this is a conversation you would like to have, please speak with me (Pastor Jason) or Pastor Kent. This can involve a series of one-to-one conversations or be part of a small group experience. Often when there is more than one person wishing to be baptized we form a Discipleship Class that meets together to share our stories, our beliefs, and talk about the meaning of baptism and following Jesus.

We already have one young person who has expressed a desire to be a part of these baptism conversations; so if there are any others who want to join us, please let me (Pastor Jason) know. We are tentatively looking at having four Sunday sessions from February 26 through March 19; however, we can be flexible with scheduling. Please note that at the conclusion of these conversations one does not have to be baptized. There is always room to say, "No" or "Not yet." As the preacher Fred Craddock would say, it makes the "Yes" all the more meaningful.

### **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.

# CALL TO PRAYER

## (Verses 1 and 4)

### 182 LORD, BE GLORIFIED

*Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.  
Psalm 24:10*

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
2. In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

1.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my home, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to -

Verses 3, 4

2.  
day.  
3. In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,  
4. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied,

be glo-ri-fied; In Your Church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
be glo-ri-fied; In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick  
Tune: Bob Kilpatrick  
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## HYMN OF RESPONSE

# Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Swelling* ♩ = 60-66 (Conduct two beats to a measure.)

B<sup>b</sup> F7 B<sup>b</sup>

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear,  
 2. Oh, let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee.  
 3. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, how rolled the sea,

G7 F C7 F

Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here.  
 I shall im - ag - ine his bless - ings rest - ing on me;  
 Toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest on Gal - i - lee!

F7 B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 G7 Cm

Scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
 Words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
 And how the Mas - ter, read - y and kind,

F7 Cm G dim B<sup>b</sup> F7 B<sup>b</sup>

Sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
 All in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
 Chid - ed the bil - lows and hushed the wind.

Words: W. H. Parker, 1845-1929  
 Music: Frederic A. Challinor, 1866-1952

Matthew 4:23-24  
 Mark 10:13-16; Luke 8:22-25