

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

*The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.*

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Chaconne ..... Louis Couperin  
Fountain Reverie ..... Percy E. Fletcher  
Fantasie on the Chorale ..... setting by Niels W. Gade  
"Lobe den Herren"

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

*This Is the Day*  
Eugene Butler

*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, Leader

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

~Psalm 29

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
LOBE DEN HERREN

The last psalm in the Bible, Psalm 150, ends with this invitation: "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." German composer Joachim Neander gave us words to do just that when he wrote his most well-known hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." Hymnologist John Julian declares this to be "a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest production of its author, and of the first rank in its class." This is a hymn that has stood the test of time (over 300 years) to remain one of the most beloved praise hymns in the Church. As we sing these words, we join with the voices, in many languages, of millions who have gone before us, and those across the globe, to sing these great words of thanksgiving and honor to the God who created us, protects us, and befriends us.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT)

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
KENDRICK

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

\*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. 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.)*

BLESSING OF JANUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Janet Lasley

**Isaiah 43:1-7:** But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22:** As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

#449 *Baptized in Water*  
BUNESSAN

Canon Michael Saward has been a leader in the revival of English-language hymnody for over 40 years. Through Jubilate Hymns, an organization devoted to revising older hymns and composing newer texts that reflect the language and concerns of contemporary life, he has made a significant contribution to recent hymnody, moving beyond the notion of Victorian hymns as normative. "Baptized in Water" is rich in baptismal images and scriptural allusions. The opening stanza cited above draws upon several passages including Hebrews 1:14: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(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

#392 *Open Our Eyes*  
Irregular

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Alspaugh

**Gretchen Root**  
*June 30, 1945 - January 6, 2019*

PASTORAL PRAYER and

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. Alspaugh

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Come to the Water ..... John B. Foley

*O let all who thirst; let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord, the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones, who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light; come to the Lord, the Lord.*

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*“Passing Through the Waters”*

## The Response of God’s People

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Shall We Gather at the River? ..... John Carter

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Ere we reach the shining river lay we every burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown; yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Deep river my home is over Jordan, deep river, I want to cross over into campground. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706 Praise God... OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Janet Lasley

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 #243 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart MORECAMBE

In this prayerful hymn, we ask God to move within us so that we may live a life of whole-hearted devotion to Him, bathed in His presence and motivated by His love. We recall the “first and greatest commandment” to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and to love thy neighbor as thyself.”

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

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

\*BENEDICTION #514 Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him HOLY MANNA

**Christians, let us go and serve Him,  
serve the One who gives us life.  
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.  
Christians, let us go and serve Him,  
now and through eternity.**

\*POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Offertoire Sur les Grands Jeux ..... François Couperin  
from Solemn Mass for Parish Use

(\*) You’re invited to rise in body or in spirit!



### 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	Florida Dixon	Rose Peacock
Glen & Barbara Babb	Bill Earnest	Brad Pipenger
Kenneth Barger	Jim Earnest	Susan Reichard
Jennifer Bechtel	Neil Earnest	Root Family
Marlen Berghuis	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Bev Harrell	Helen Sutton
Gail Bowman	Ron Hawkins	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Brown	Rosalie Hoffman	Arthur Tiffner
Robert Brown	Barbara Jett	Jim Veghte
Andrew Caldwell	Doris Landis	Harold & Janet West
Lynn Chadbourne	Anna Frances Lasley	Judy Williams
Tami Malone Charles	Vincent Liss	Warren Williams
Andy Collier	Jennifer Loxley	Peggie Worthey
David Coggins	Tim Meador	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Marilyn Craig	Merkle Family	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	David Palmer	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Jennifer Davis	Mary Ann Paloncy	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

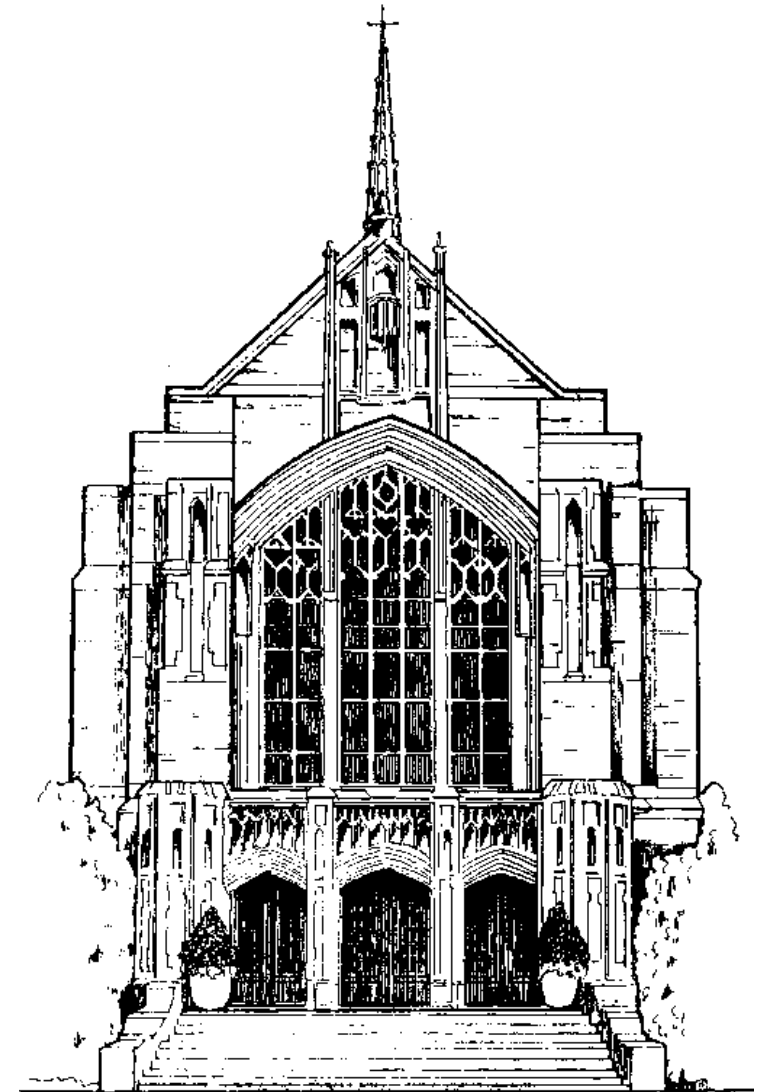
### January Donation Item for Homefull

This month's donation item for Homefull is **toilet paper**. Please bring to church and place in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall. 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.

First Baptist Church of Dayton

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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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