



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 December 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Jeanne Kallenberg, Pianist

Away In a Manger/Oh Lord, You're Beautiful arr. Phillip Keveren
 Beautiful Savior Silesian Melody; arr. Arthur Zepp
 The First Noel Trad. English Carol; arr. Victor Labenske
 How Great Our Joy Trad. German Melody; arr. Victor Labenske



In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Ray Landis

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#341 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 DIX

In 1863 Folliot S. Pierpoint was wandering through the English countryside around the winding Avon River. As he looked on the peaceful beauty surrounding him, he was inspired to reflect on God's gifts to his people in creation and in the church. Above all, Pierpoint thought of the sacrifice of Christ, in the greatest of sacrifices, that of his life in return for ours. He thus originally wrote the text of "For the Beauty of the Earth" as a hymn for the Lord's Supper. The original chorus read, "Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of praise." The hymn was meant not only as a song of thanksgiving, but as the only thing we could give Christ in return for his mercy and love: a hymn of praise laid upon the altar as a sacrifice. Editors have since altered the refrain so it has become a more generic hymn of thanksgiving, but as it stands, it takes on a deeper meaning when understood as something we not only sing, but offer up to God.

The Celebration of Holy Baptism

Marin Rose See

Faith Partner ~ Ava Powell

Ethan Joshua Charron

Faith Partner ~ Diane Charron

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

Colossians 3:12-17: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Jadon See

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Luke 2:41-52: Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

#143 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*
GO TELL IT

In the Bible, the mountain often represents the holy presence of God. Moses has to go up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and to see the Promised Land. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on a mountain, an event signifying the full embodiment of the divine nature and holiness of Christ. In the Old Testament especially, the mountain is also a place that is set apart – not just everyone can go up the mountain to be in God's presence. Psalm 24:3 asks, "Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?" God's presence came down to the mountain, and the mountain was the barrier between the Israelites and God's presence, much like the curtain in the temple dividing the people from the Holy of Holies. When Christ was born however, God's presence came down to His people in a new form, in the helplessness of a baby. And the story doesn't end there. Christmas points us to Easter, when Christ ripped the curtain in the temple and became the bridge between us and the Father, God's holy presence in and among us. When Christ was transfigured, he had with him Peter, James and John. The glory of the LORD was no longer barred from His people. The mountain is no longer a barrier between us and God, but a place to shout the good news of God's presence among his people in the incarnation of Christ Jesus, to "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. David Coggins

(The children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last verse of the Fellowship Hymn. Following the message, children will rejoin their families in the pews.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#383 v.1 *Near to the Heart of God*
McAFEE

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.**

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

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brad Kallenberg, soloist
Jeanne Kallenberg, accompanist

Born in the Night, Mary's Child Geoffrey Ainger, 1964
arr. Richard D. Wetzel

*Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.*

*Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.*

*Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's Child,
go to your cross of wood.*

*Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
Savior of all, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"Growing Up Faithful"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#137 *Sing We Now of Christmas*
FRENCH CAROL

The importance of this song is that it highlights several of the most important parts of Christ's birth; from the rejoicing of heaven and earth with shepherds and angels, to the fulfilling of prophecies, the coming of the wise men. It reminds us that Christ's birth changed the world. It reminds us that God became man and took a weak body of flesh to become closer to us.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#522 *O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*
ST. PETER

POSTLUDE

Jeanne Kallenberg

Welcome to Our World Chris Rice; arr. Chris Rice

(*) 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 in-person worship! 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.

Please Note! Wearing a mask is strongly recommended. Pastor Jason and Barbara Bogan will continue wearing masks during their times together with the children.

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/>). Live zoom gatherings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00PM unless otherwise announced. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

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	Jim Earnest	Judy See
Paige Bartlett	Neil & Marge Earnest	Judy Smith
Laura Bayless	Lavanda Ferguson	Chas Snyder
Marlen Berghuis	Joel Frydman	Sutton Family
Allyson Black	Bev Harrell	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Emily Taylor
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Anne Veghte
Melinda Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Sara Vice
Robert Brown	Brad Lawson	Waldrop Family
Andrew Caldwell	Jerry Lawson	Zachery Williamson
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Trish Lawson	<i>Healthcare Workers</i>
Tami Malone Charles	Steve Liss	<i>Police & Fire Fighters</i>
June Collier	Tim Meador	
Ruth Cook	Arthur Merkle	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	John D. & Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Dilworth Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Florida Dixon	Susan Reichard	Will Radachi
Downs Family	Bill Salyers	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of Dec. 26 – Jan. 2

Sun. 26	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	.....	No Sunday School Classes
Mon. 27	.....	Church Office Closed
Tue. 28	10-2	Church Office Open
Wed. 29	10-2	Church Office Open
Thu. 30	10-2	Church Office Open
Fri. 31	.....	New Year's Eve – Church Office Closed
Sat. 1	.....	<i>Happy New Year!</i>
Sun. 2	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	.....	No Sunday School Classes
	5:00p	Zoom Gathering

December ABC/USA Offering for Retired Ministers & Missionaries

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank You" for the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please give generously this month. Thank you!

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, Dec. 27 – Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 28 – Open 10-2
Wednesday, Dec. 29 – Open 10-2
Thursday, Dec. 30 – Open 10-2
Friday, Dec. 31 – Closed

The Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. **We will continue to collect these items through Jan. 2.** The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com) username and password. Search for "[First Baptist Church Dayton](https://firstbaptistchurchdayton.org)" 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](https://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!

Update Your Contact Information

Please contact the church office and share your most updated information. If you have moved, have a new cell phone number or email address, please share these new details at your earliest convenience.

***Boxed Giving Envelopes for 2022 are now available in the narthex.
Please contact Nancy Kerr if you'd like a box.***

Annual Reports Due Jan. 3

Annual reports for 2021 are due by Monday, January 3, 2022 from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Please email reports to Linda Blair at fbc@fbccdayton.org. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2022, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email nkerr@fbccdayton.org. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks and on the table by the church office. Thank you!

Changes to *Courier* Delivery to Begin in 2022

Beginning with the January 2022 edition, we are going to adjust the way we send out our *Courier* church newsletter. For years we have sent it out only in printed form via bulk mailing, but with increased costs and new technology, we are going to start sharing the *Courier* electronically (just as we do with weekly e-news), while still making printed copies available via first class mail for those who still wish to receive it in that form. We will also have printed copies available for pickup at the church. These changes will reduce our use of paper and printing materials, reduce our postage costs, and free us from some of the content restrictions that come with bulk mailing. We'll be able to continue to provide all of the important information related to the life and ministry of First Baptist, and more. If you would like to continue receiving a printed copy of the *Courier*, please contact Linda Blair in the church office at 937-222-4691 or email fbc@fbccdayton.org.



PHOTO DIRECTORY

To everyone who is a part of First Baptist Church of Dayton!

We are beginning the process of producing an online photo directory. This has the advantage of being able to be updated in real time. In addition to producing an online directory available via your smart phone or computer, we will also periodically produce a printed directory from it.

You may choose your own family or individual photo. If desired you may choose individual pictures for each of your family members.

Each photo must be identified with a unique email address and names of persons that you wish to appear with the photo.

Simply send your picture attached to an email addressed to RogerEStephens@gmail.com.

If you have questions please contact Roger via email or text him at 937-470-1972. Photos will be added to the directory soon after receiving them.

The updated Directory will be available to you on your smart phone by an Application (App) on your smart phone. Just download the App called "Instant Church Directory" on your smart phone. You may also visit www.instantchurchdirectory.com from your computer.

Using the App or webpage enter your email address (the same one used to send the photo) as the ID. Choose a Password and enter it. The FBC photo directory will appear.

We will build the directory as we receive the photos. A printed directory will be produced when a sufficient number of members have submitted their photos.

Thanks for participating in this new venture and please encourage one another to participate. Those of you who are more tech-oriented can help those who may be less so themselves. We look forward to seeing one another's face through this venue!

Faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

