

First Baptist Church of Dayton
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
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The First Baptist Church at Worship
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 December 31, 2023 ~10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“The Old Year Now Has Passed Away”

J. S. Bach

Preludes on “Quem Pastores” and “Forest Green”

Helmut Walcha, Healey Willan, Paul Manz,
 and Alice Jordan

Pastorale on “Von Himmel hoch”

Johann Pachelbel



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, Music Director

The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed Hal H. Hopson

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all the earth shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord
 hath spoken it. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 148)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

*OPENING HYMN

#307 *All Creatures of Our God and King*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The tune by which we now know these lyrics is from a German hymn called *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*. It was harmonized by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, who, in addition to writing music, made a name for himself collecting folk music and editing hymns. In his *English Hymnal*, which was first published in 1904, Vaughan Williams combined many ancient texts with folk and hymn tunes.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

Isaiah 61:10-62:3: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

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

Luke 2:22-40: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

#111 *Away In a Manger*
CRADLE SONG

William J. Kirkpatrick composed *Cradle Song*, which was first published in *Around the World with Christmas*. Like *Away In a Manger*, *Cradle Song* is a simple tune in form and melody, but with a slightly more adventurous harmony. As we continue to celebrate this season let us offer prayer to those that currently have to do without shelter or a bed right here in the City of Dayton and in those areas that are severely impacted by the negative outcomes of war and politics.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Coggins

(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 (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. Craig

**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
Cyerra Pemberton, Soloist

And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah George F. Handel

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“Rejoice in God’s Salvation”



The Response of God’s People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#449 *Baptized In Water*
BUNESSAN

Most of us are familiar with the tune *Morning Has Broken*. We now share that tune this morning when we sing these lyrics by Michael Sward as we continue to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this first Sunday after Christmas.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Fugue on "Von Himmel hoch" Johann Pachelbel

(* 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.

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.)

Jason Alspaugh	Neil Earnest	Brenda Proffitt
Elizabeth Ard	Bill Harrell	Judy See
Glen Babb	Tim Holmen	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Lavanda Ferguson	Roger Stephens
Gail Bowman	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Anne Veghte
Rob Brown	Lasley Family	West Family
Bogan/Bryant Families	Lee Family	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Dana Liss	Military Duty:
Robert Caldwell	Vincent Liss	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domescik	Arthur Merkle	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline
Jim Earnest	Susan Parent	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Dec. 31 – Jan. 7

Sun. 31	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Congregational Meeting
Mon. 1		.....	<i>Happy New Year!</i>
Tue. 2		.....	Office closed
Thu. 4	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 5		.....	Annual Reports Due
Sun. 7	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

TO APPROVE THE 2024 BOARDS & COMMITTEES ROSTER

Last Call!

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a congregational offering collected annually in December from participating congregations. RMMO funds are distributed as "Thank You" checks to ABC-USA retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to our denomination, as well as to surviving spouses. A certain portion is also allocated for direct emergency assistance. We all remember the pastor or missionary who made a difference in our lives. With leadership, listening, wisdom, condolence or just the right prayer when needed most, their selfless service has a lasting effect. This offering is a way to give back. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

Photos from Advent/Christmas for Courier

We would love to see some photos of you/your family during this Christmas season to be shared in the Courier newsletter. Please email to Linda Blair at fbc@fbcd Dayton.org. Thank you!

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, Jan 1 – Happy New Year!

Tuesday, Jan 2 – Closed



Annual Reports are Due Jan. 5

Annual reports for 2023 are due by Friday, January 5, 2024 from pastoral staff, board chairs, and committee chairs. Please email reports to Linda Blair at fbc@fbcd Dayton.org. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes

If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please contact Nancy Kerr by email to nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org or by phone at 937-222-4691 x. 402.

January Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Jan. 10 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 17 @ 6:30pm

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Exploring Church History

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

January 7-28, 2024 / 1st Floor – Chapel

This series of lecture will focus on the era between 1100 and 1300. It will cover St. Bernard of Clairvaux and the Cistercians and then move on to St. Francis of Assisi and St. Antony of Padua, the patron saint of lost things. The Dominicans focused on combatting heresy and intellectual study. St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albertus Magnus were two Dominicans who helped to create Scholasticism, which combined the thought of Aristotle with Christian Theology. This era also saw the rise of the first universities and a huge growth of cities. Finally, Europe expanded in the Reconquista in Spain and the Crusades in the Middle East. The legacy of this conflict between Christians and Muslims is still with us today.

Sermon Talkbacks

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

Next Session: January 7, 2024

1st Floor – Choir Room

As the New Year begins, we will continue to offer sermon talkbacks on the first Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.



BYF Gatherings in January 2024

Starting with a Lock-In

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship for youth grades 6-12 continues to gather on a regular basis, but we are going to start the year off with a special overnight/Lock-In event at the church that will start at **7pm on Saturday, January 13** and conclude after worship on Sunday, January 14. We will begin with dinner shortly after all have arrived, and then begin an evening of fun & games. We'll pause for a little evening Vespers/worship time together, and then continue with the fun, games, movie(s). Youth do not have to stay up all night, and will be able to sleep as they wish. So we ask that each youth bring a pillow and blanket/sleeping bag and a snack or drink to share. They can also bring games and/or movies to suggest (we have a DVD player, though most of our movies are streamed these days). Youth are welcome to invite friends to the event, but everyone must have a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form turned in in order to participate (forms are available on the table outside the church office). If you have any questions, etc. please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org / 937-631-3579). This will be the first lock-in we've had since February 2020, so we are looking forward to it!

STEWARDSHIP 2024

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2024, 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!
