

First Baptist Church of Dayton  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD OBSERVED  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
JANUARY 7, 2024



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 January 7, 2024 ~10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- Chorale Preludes on "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" ..... Paul Manz and Helmut Walcha
- Noel: "Josef est bien marie" ..... Claude Louis Balbastre
- Chorale Partita: "Lobt Gott. ihr Christen" ..... Johann Gottfried Walther



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

We Have Come Into This House ..... Bruce Ballinger

*We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Him.  
 We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Him.  
 We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Christ the Lord,  
 worship Him, Christ the Lord.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

\*OPENING HYMN

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

When Christ was born, God's presence came down to His people in a new form, in the helplessness of a baby. Unlike today when humankind can travel to the edge of space in a rocket and today can make our presence known throughout the universe with the use of artificial intelligence, the mountain which represents the highest pinnacle 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."

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Joseph Henry

**Isaiah 60:1-6:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

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

**Matthew 2:1-18:** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

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**

**#151** *We Three Kings*  
KINGS OF ORIENT

The opening stanza is about the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. The middle three stanzas explain a meaning for each of the three gifts. Gold signified royalty, and frankincense, deity. Myrrh foretold that the Christ child was born to die. The last stanza summarizes the song, calling Jesus the "King and God and Sacrifice," and ending in a peal of alleluias.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. 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 (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 (See pg. 7-8)

*There's Something About That Name*  
GAITHER

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim;  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away; but there's something about that name!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Every Valley ..... John Ness Beck

*Every shall be exalted, and every mountain made low.  
And the crooked made straight. And the rough places plain.  
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. Alspaugh

*"Return of the Magi"*

### Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#459 Vs. 1 *Come, Share the Lord*  
DIVERNON

SHARING OF THE CUP

#459 Vs. 2-3 *Come, Share the Lord*  
DIVERNON

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**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.**

### The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#164 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*  
KINGSFOLD

Thought by some scholars to date back to the Middle Ages, Kingsfold is a folk tune set to a variety of texts in England and Ireland. Today, we can sing this hymn hoping for a better world and today peace in the birthplace of Jesus.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#518 *May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus*  
GALILEE

Chorale and Variation: "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen" ..... J. G. Walther

(\* ) 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

### Happy New Year!

**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.)*

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 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    | Harold West           |
| Bogan/Bryant Families | Gene Lee         | Dorothy Williams      |
| Gerald Busch          | Dana Liss        | <b>Military Duty:</b> |
| Robert Caldwell       | Vincent Liss     | Sebastian Ewald       |
| Pamela Cress          | Tom McKenzie     | Sunny Ewald           |
| Lynn Domesick         | Arthur Merkle    | Brittany Kalbfleisch  |
| David Donovan         | Mary Ann Paloncy | Kyle Kline            |
| Jim Earnest           | Susan Parent     | Andy Wilson           |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

### Annual Reports are Due

Annual reports for 2023 are now due from pastoral staff, board chairs, and committee chairs. Please email reports to Linda Blair at [fbc@fbcdayton.org](mailto:fbc@fbcdayton.org).

Thank you.

## Week of Jan. 7 – 14

Sun. 7	10:00a	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 10	1:00p	Heritage Committee Meeting (FBC)
	6:30p	Board Meetings
Thu. 11	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 13	9:00a	Take down Christmas decorations
	7:00p	BYF Lock-In Begins (FBC)
Sun. 14	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

## Exploring Church History

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm

January 7-28, 2024 / 1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## January Church Meetings

Heritage Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 10 @ 1:00pm

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

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

Annual Congregational Meeting to Approve Budget: Sunday, Jan. 28 after service

## It's Time to Un-Decorate

Helping hands are needed to take down the Advent/Christmas decorations. We plan to un-decorate on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 13 starting at 9am and would very much appreciate your assistance. Thanks in advance for your support!

**BYF Lock-In**  
**Saturday, Jan. 13 @ 7pm**

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](mailto: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!

**Mitten Tree 2023 – Thank You!**

Once again we had lots of donations to our Mitten Tree this year, and the gifts of hats, gloves, scarves, etc., have been taken to the Dayton Christian Center to be distributed to the kids/families they serve. Thank you for your generosity!

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**CHALK + BLESS YOUR HOME FOR EPIPHANY**

This Epiphany tradition is a way of blessing all who enter, exit, and dwell in your home or church. You simply write the number of the new year and the letters C, M, and B in chalk on the door or doorframe. The letters stand for the three traditional names of the Magi in Matthew 2: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters can also be a Latin acronym for "May Christ bless this dwelling."

**CHALKING THE DOORS LITURGY FOR HOMES (2024)**

Leader: Peace be to this home, and to all who enter here.

All: Amen.

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

All may take turns chalking the door: 20 + C + M + B + 24

The three Wise Men, Caspar [C], Melchior [M], and Balthasar [B], followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus 2000 [20] and 24 [24] years ago. [+ +] May Christ bless our home [+ +], and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All say the Lord's Prayer

*From [buildfaith.org/chalking-the-door/](http://buildfaith.org/chalking-the-door/); prayers by Bosco Peters*

# CALL TO PRAYER

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## 301 THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

*...through believing you may have life in His name.*

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

some-thing a - bout that name!

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je - sus! Like the

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

fra - grance af - ter the rain;

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all

The fifth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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heav-en and earth pro - claim:

Kings and king-doms will all pass a - way, But there's

some-thing a - bout that name!

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