

The First Baptist Church at Worship
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Four Chorale Preludes C. Hubert H. Perry

Crofts 136th "Ye boundless realms of joy"

Martyrdom "As pants the hart"

Eventide "Abide with me"

Hanover "Our Shield and Defender"

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

We Have Come Into This House
Bruce Ballinger

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

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

(Psalm 111)

*OPENING HYMN

#340 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
DIADEM

This hymn is a declaration of praise, but it's also much more than that. The words both declare the majesty of Christ and task us with making that majesty known to all. Like many hymns describing the glory of God and the hope that one day all people will see that glory, this hymn alludes to Philippians 2:9-11: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We long for this day, and declare our hope in its arrival in the text of this hymn. But are we willing to declare that hope to those who have not heard it? The phrase, "Easier said than done" comes to mind here. After we have sung these words of victory and longing, what do we do? Do we act on those words and turn our expectancy into realities? Or do we wait for someone else to do it for us? The fourth stanza of this great hymn declares, "We'll join the everlasting song..." Everlasting means that we are a part of that song right now – are we willing to lift our voices together to sing more than a hymn, and truly crown our God Lord of all?

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Alan Carroll

Deuteronomy 18:15-18: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command."

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 Mark.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Mark 1:21-28: They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

#74 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
BALM IN GILEAD

In the Old Testament, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an

ointment made from the gum of a tree particular to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression. He reminds them that He is ultimately in control, and only He can relieve their suffering. In the New Testament, God answers the suffering of His people by sending His own son to take our place. Jesus becomes our "balm in Gilead." It is Him we are called to turn to in our times of trial for healing and comfort. We sing this song with that assurance: no matter our hardships or supposed shortcomings, Jesus loves us enough to take our suffering upon Himself.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason 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 HANDOUT)

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 and

Rev. Alspaugh

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.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Directed by Dr. William Henry Caldwell

If I Got My Ticket Roy L. Belfield, Jr.

If I got my ticket Lord can I ride, can I ride, can I ride?
If I got my ticket Lord can I ride, ride away to Heaven in the morning?
That gospel train is a comin' for me, and the promised land I'll gain.
Oh, I hear them wheels a hummin' my Lord, I'm ready to board that train.
Let me ride. I know I've been converted and I ain't gonna make no alarm.
For my soul is bound to Jesus my Lord, and the devil can't do me no harm.
Let me ride. Ride Lord, oh my mother said.
Ride away to Heaven in the morning.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Power of Jesus' Teaching"

Responding to the Word of God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (SEE HANDOUT)

There Is Power in the Blood
POWER IN THE BLOOD

There Is Power in the Blood is a hymn which highlights that we are redeemed by the blood of Christ. The hymn was written and composed by Lewis Edgar Jones, who was born in Yates City, Illinois, on Feb. 8, 1865. This hymn is an appreciative tribute to the sacrifice made by Jesus, giving his life to redeem our souls.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

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

POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Ludwig van Beethoven
Setting by Harry Simeone

(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off 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/>).

Week of Jan. 28 – Feb. 4

- Sun. 28 10:00a Worship Service
- 11:15a Annual Church Meeting & Luncheon
..... *(No Second Hour Sunday School Classes)*
- 4:00p Choral Concert by Stivers School for the Arts
- Thu. 1 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 4 10:00a Worship Service with Communion
- 11:15a Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30a Sunday School Classes

Annual Church Meeting & Luncheon Today

After Service in Upstairs Dining Room

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 | Bill Harrell | Brenda Proffitt |
| Elizabeth Ard | Tim Holmen | Judy See |
| Glen Babb | Lavanda Ferguson | Judy Smith |
| Jessica Blair | Barbara Jett | Kaye Suryk |
| Gail Bowman | Ray Landis | Anne Veghte |
| Don Brown | Lasley Family | Harold West |
| Rob Brown | Gene Lee | Dorothy Williams |
| Bogan/Bryant Families | Dana Liss | Military Duty: |
| Gerald Busch | 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) | | |

This Afternoon!

**STIVERS SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
CHORAL CONCERT**

Sunday, January 28 @ 4pm
First Baptist Church of Dayton

The Stivers School for the Arts singers will provide wonderful choral music in our sanctuary this afternoon at 4pm. The program will feature vocal selections of all periods and styles. An offering will be received to support this fantastic group of local talent, and there will also be a reception in the fellowship hall following the concert. Please come and bring a friend to hear this outstanding group.

----- FEBRUARY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS -----

Sermon Talkbacks

First Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
Next Session is February 4
1st Floor – Choir Room

We 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.

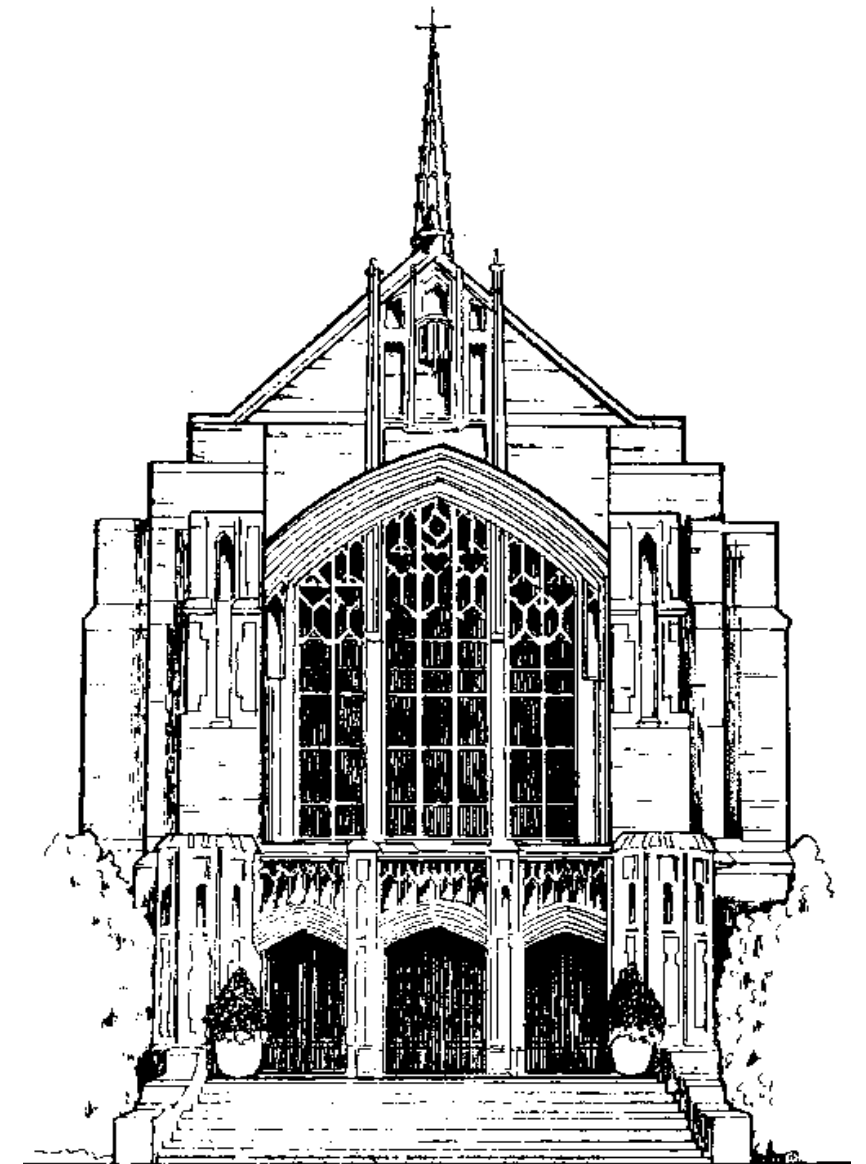
Early Christian Scriptural Interpretation:

Seeing Christ in the Whole Bible

Led by Dr. Michael Cox
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
February 4 – 25 in 1st Floor - Chapel

Early Christians saw the Incarnation as the culmination of a series of Old Testament theophanies—(i.e., “appearances” or “manifestations” of God)—understanding them as appearances of the preincarnate Christ—that is, as “Christophanies.” This class will explore how the Christological interpretation of Old Testament theophanies helped shape a distinctive early Christian reading of the Bible, producing a coherent scriptural narrative leading from Genesis through Sinai and Zion to Jesus. Over the course of the class, we'll explore together several of these passages from both the Old and New Testaments in order to better understand and employ this early Christian approach to scripture in our own Bible study, prayer and worship.

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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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