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A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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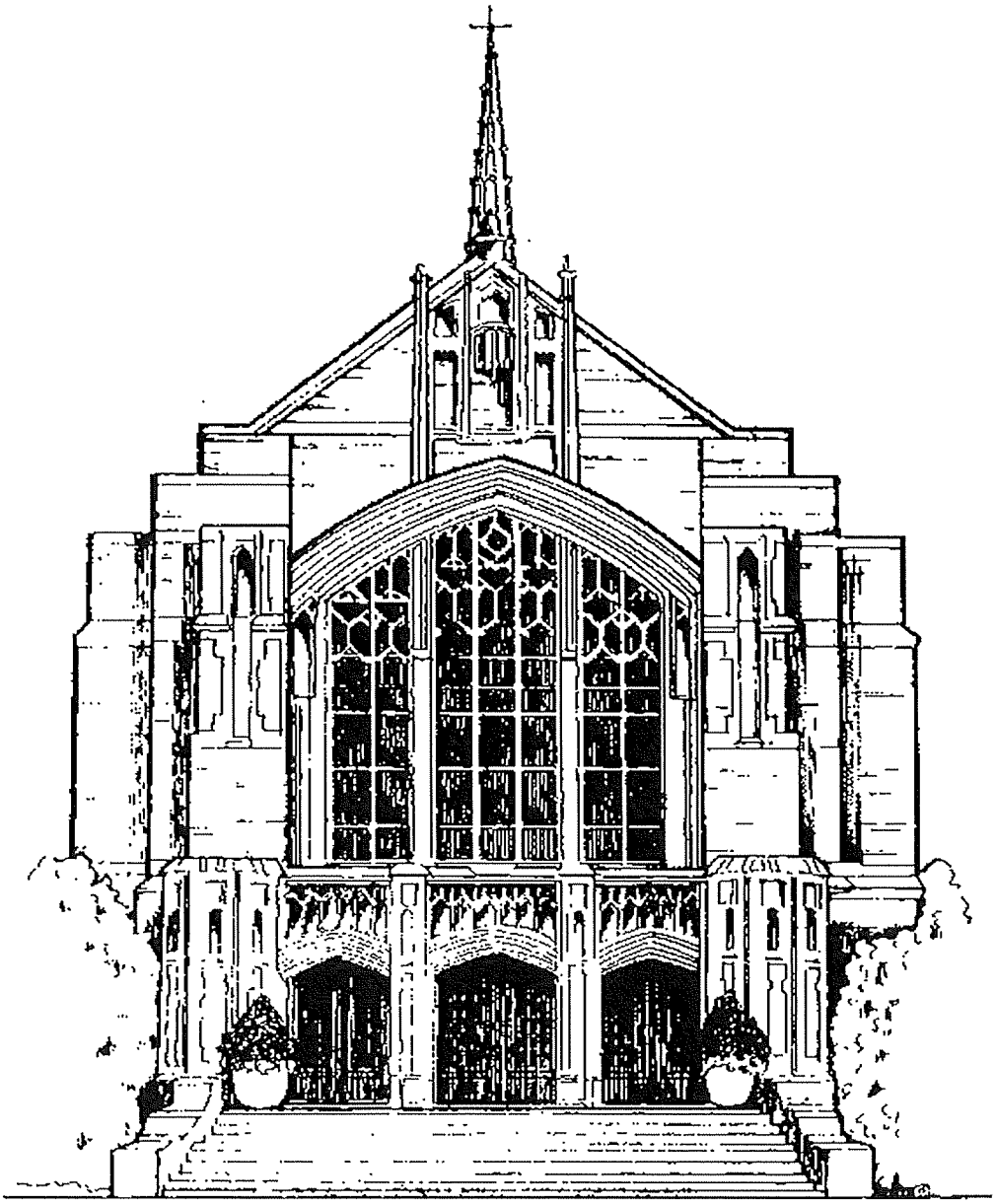

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 26, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE — R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Adagio in a minor ..... J. S. Bach
Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision" ..... Ian Higginson
Cantilena ..... Josef Rheinberger

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
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Doxology ..... Old Hundredth

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.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN — **#341** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

In 1863, Folliott 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Eastway Food Pantry — Jamie See

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 19 (Responsive) — Jadon See, Leader

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD
are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-30 Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are

oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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!

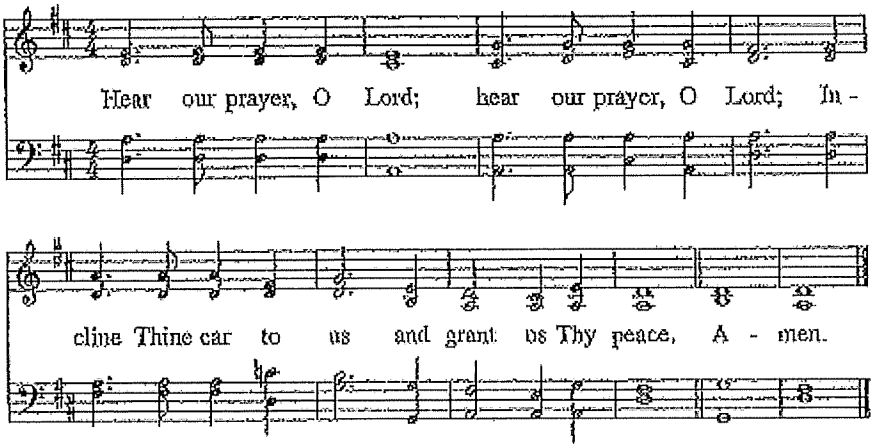
*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #323 *How Great Thou Art*
HOW GREAT THOU ART

"How Great Thou Art" is a Christian hymn based on an original Swedish hymn entitled "O Store Gud" written in 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859–1940). The English version of the hymn and its title are a loose translation by the English missionary Stuart K. Hine from 1949. The hymn was popularized by George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows during Billy Graham's crusades.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Kate Bradley

(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 *Hear Our Prayer*
George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis
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
William Henry Caldwell, Director

Every Time I Feel the Spirit ..... Wm. Henry Smith

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke. Out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me it looked so fine. I asked my Lord if all were mine.
There ain't but one train upon this track. It runs to heav'n and runs right back.
Oh my Lord done just what He said, He healed the sick and raise the dead.

SERMON — Rev. Alspaugh

"When the Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE — **#248** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
EDEN CHURCH

The Eden Church tune has become a favorite for this hymn text from the 7th century and translated by John Mason Neale. Centuries later it is used in worship through the American Baptist Church and many of other places of worship. Christ the head and cornerstone will always resonate with us here at First Baptist especially as we enter 201 years of service.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING — Rev. Alspaugh

BENEDICTION — Chancel Choir & Congregation

Always Remember ..... Andrae Crouch

Always remember Jesus, Jesus.
Always remember Jesus, Jesus.
Always keep Him on your mind.

POSTLUDE — R. Alan Kimbrough

Psalm XIX ..... Benedetto Marcello

(*) 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 for supporting the ministry of the church!

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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.)

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Roger Stephens
Clara Black	Kalbfleisch Family	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Landis Family	Thomson Family
Gail Bowman	Carole Lasley	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Harold West
Linda Ginter-Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Mark Craig	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Pamela Cress	Menzel Family	***Military Duty:***
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Merkle Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Jan. 26 – Feb. 2

Sun. 26	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Cong Dinner & 2025 Budget Approval
	4:00p	Stivers Choir Concert (FBC)
Tue. 28	1:00p	CWU Officers Meeting
	7:00p	DP Rehearsal
Thu. 30	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 2	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages

Today After Worship!

Congregational Dinner and 2025 Budget Presentation

STIVERS SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

CHOIR CONCERT

This Afternoon, January 26, 2025 @ 4:00pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Once again First Baptist Church of Dayton will play host to the award winning choir from Stivers School for the Arts, under the direction of Paula Powell, today at 4:00pm. The choir has performed throughout the Miami Valley, Carnegie Hall, and most recently at the Schuster for the Holiday at Home concerts with Neal Gittleman and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. The choir will perform music of all periods and styles. Admission is free to the public and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

FEBRUARY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Psalms – Part 2

Led by Dr. Brad Kallenberg

Sundays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor – Chapel

Psalms has been the go-to prayer book for three millennia. As such it is a health manual for the soul. Yet as an ancient book, it requires some nuanced reading strategies. The last time we studied the Psalter together, we learned that "walking" was a major theme, making the book of Psalms is a kind of journey or a hike. We also learned that the 150 chapters of the Psalter was grouped by an ancient editor into five "books." Not that this helps us find a logical outline of the Psalms! Some psalms are simple alphabetical acrostics based on the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, others are historical narratives, others are poems whose climax is in the middle rather than at the end! Some Psalms are fiercely patriotic, others are laments for personal sin. Some psalms are chock-full of wonder and praise, others end in despair with no hope in sight. Perhaps this variety means that the Psalter does *not* a have a logical unity. Nevertheless, it does have the unity of a conversation. Obviously, there are ancient conversation partners such as King David giving instructions to his choir director, the Sons of Korah giving warning to the congregation, and even a guy named Ethan the Ezrahite responding his "cousin" Heman! Of course, the conversation has welcomed the participation of believers throughout the ages. But most importantly, the Psalter is a conversation in which God also spoke and still speaks.

Choir Winter Holiday Party

Friday, Feb. 7 @ 6:30pm

At the Curry Home

Donna Miles Curry will host a Choir Winter Holiday Party on Friday, February 7, 6:30pm at her home located at 258 West Thruston Blvd, Oakwood, 45419. It's a potluck dinner but beverages will be furnished. Please RSVP to donna.curry@wright.edu so she has a head count to set up enough tables and chairs. Thanks!

Time Capsule Notecards

The time capsule notecards need to be returned by Jan. 31. They can be given to Pastor Jason or Angie Berghuis, or left in the offering basket. There are a total of five questions and you may fill out more than one card. They can be picked up at the snack table during fellowship after Sunday service.

Baptist Youth Fellowship on Ice

Sunday, Feb. 9 @ 12:15 – 3:30pm
Riverscape Metro Park Ice Rink

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is planning an outing to the Riverscape Metro Park Ice Rink, meeting up with friends from Christ Episcopal Church. We will gather in the upstairs dining hall for lunch after Sunday School (Mac 'n Cheese bar), and then we'll meet CEC folks at the rink at 1pm. While this is a BYF outing, families and friends of all ages in the church are welcome to join us. BYF youth admission and skate rental will be covered. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org / 937-631-3579).

FEBRUARY CHURCH MEETINGS

Board Meetings
Wednesday, Feb. 12 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 19 @ 6:30pm

Baptism: A Call to Discipleship

The Season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5) is traditionally a time of preparation for those seeking to be baptized, and Pastor Jason will be offering a Baptism Class for any youth who would like a space in which to explore their questions and reflect on their own sense of call to discipleship. We will create a schedule that works best for all those interested in participating. At the conclusion of the class, those who so choose will be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please contact Pastor Jason if your youth would like to be a part of this class, and we'll create a schedule that works for everyone (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org / 937-631-3579). Adults are, of course, also welcome to respond to this invitation by speaking to any of our pastors.

Coffee Fellowship: An Opportunity to Serve

The Deacon Board would like to offer members of the congregation the opportunity to help out during Coffee Fellowship by making coffee, set up, clean up, etc. Please let us know if you would be willing to pitch in! *Thanks~~Sue Wilson*

STEWARDSHIP 2025

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2025, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email **nkerr@fbcdayton.org**. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks and on the table by the office.
Thank you!

Send

Worshiping day by day

Draw or write a way to worship God each day.

Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Friday	Saturday

Thank you, God, for Jesus, who spreads the light of your love around the world. Amen

This week

Choose a different worship activity to do with your family each day.

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Kids Celebrate

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Gather

Welcome to worship. The Epiphany star reminds us that Jesus fills the world with the light of God's love. How many shining stars can you find in this bulletin? _____

Listening to God's word is an important part of worship. We hear God's word in the words of hymns and songs, when someone reads the Bible, and in the sermon.

Look inside the adult bulletin.

What is the name of one hymn or song?

_____

Does the sermon have a title? What is it?

_____

What books of the Bible will you hear today?

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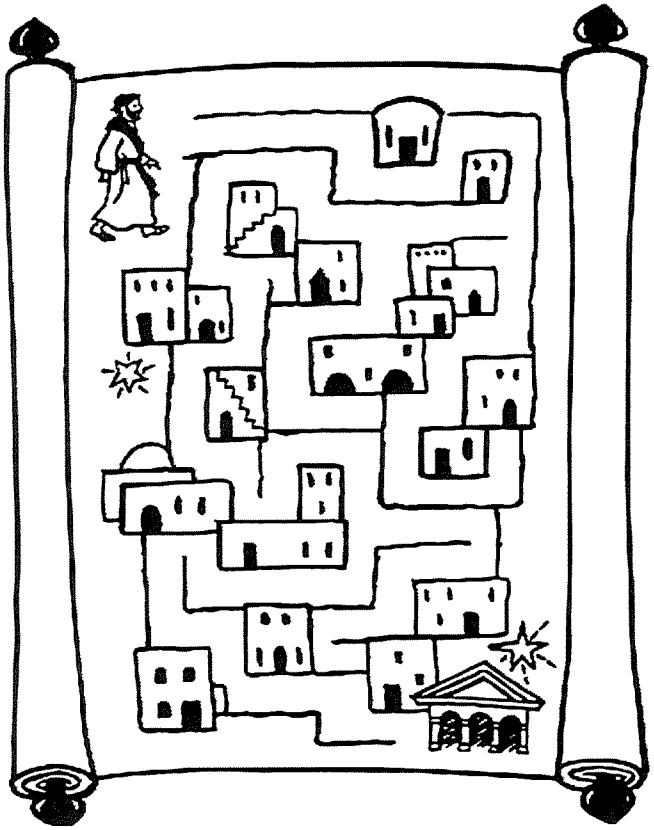
As you listened to God's word today, what did you learn about Jesus?

Jesus reads God's word

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus went to the synagogue, his place of worship. He stood up to read God's word. Jesus read, "God's Spirit is with me. God has chosen me to bring good news to people who need love and hope for a better life." Then Jesus said, "Today these words have come true." Jesus meant that he was the one God promised.

Help Jesus find his way to the synagogue.



God's love is for everyone

God sent Jesus to share the good news with all people around the world.

Here are some ways Christians around the world greet each other and tell about their love for God. Have someone help you pronounce the words.

In the country of Tanzania in Africa, people speak Swahili. Here is how they say, "Thank you, Jesus," when they pray: **Asante sana Yesu** (a-SAHN-tay SAH-nah YAY-soo).

In parts of South America, Christians greet each other by saying **hermano** (err-MAH-no), which means "brother" in Spanish, and by saying **herman** (err-MAH-nah), which means "sister." This means that we're all Jesus' brothers and sisters.

Christians in Hong Kong say **ping-an** to greet each other. Th word **ping-an** means "peace."