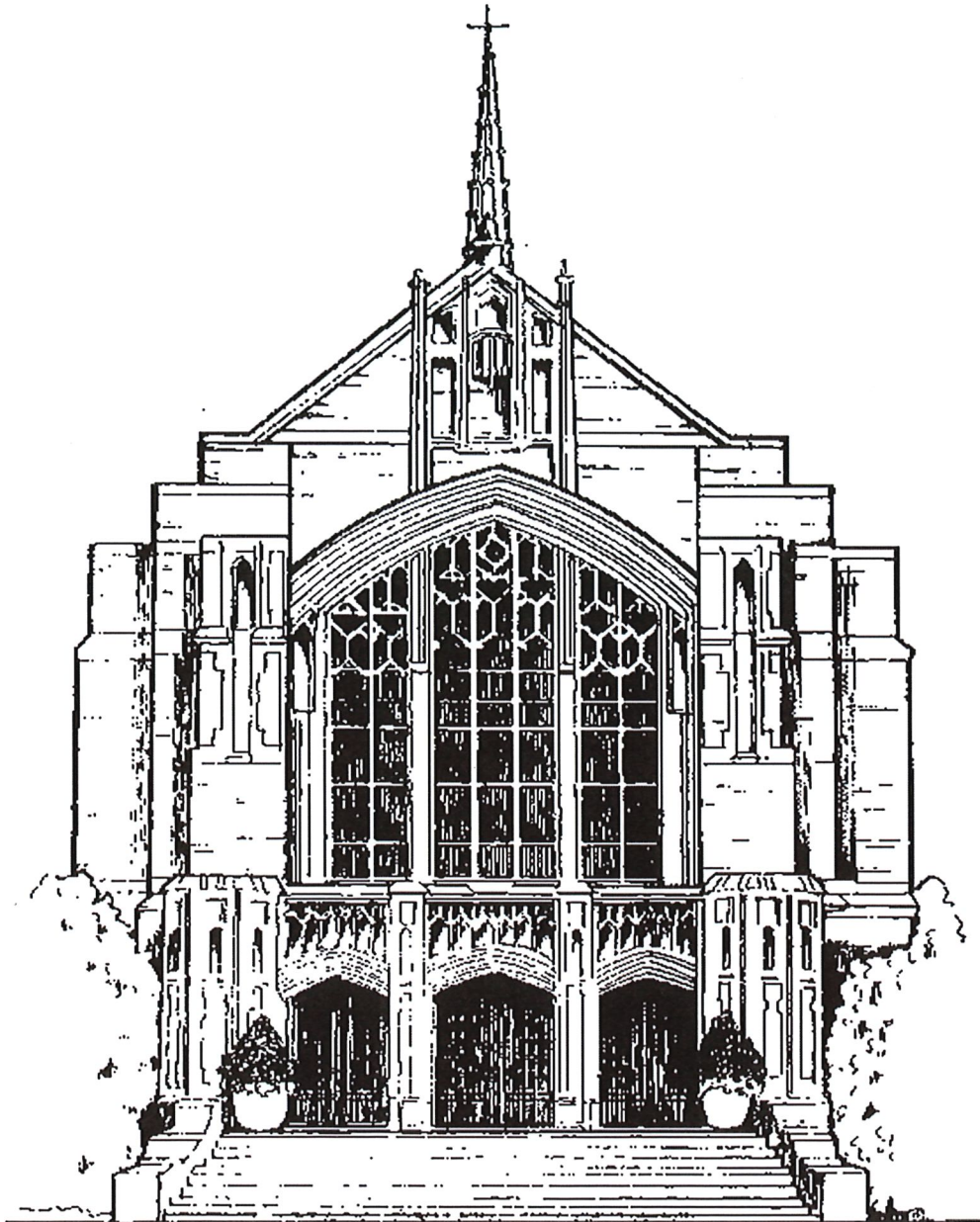




First Baptist Church of Dayton
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
February 23, 2025



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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 February 23, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Antiphons from the Song of Solomon and Magnificat--
 "He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant, Israel"
 --Marcel Dupre

Chorale Prelude on "Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal"
 --J. S. Bach

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

God Himself Is With Us Eugene Butler

*God Himself is with us. Let us now adore Him. Come with awe before Him.
 Hear, O Lord, the praises that your church now raises, as we bow before You.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN

#272 *They'll Know We Are Christians*
 ST. BRENDAN'S

Peter Scholtes wrote this hymn while he was a parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s. At the time, he was leading a youth choir out of the church basement and was looking for an appropriate song for a series of ecumenical, interracial events. When he couldn't find such a song, he wrote the now-famous hymn in a single day.

Listening for the Word of God

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Meredith Ryan

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be

no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-36

Benjamin Ryan

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who ask of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

#48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm, author of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Jeremiah, on the other hand, was in tumultuous circumstances when writing Lamentations. The people to whom he prophesied did not listen, and he was ostracized and completely alone because of what God called him to do. He also lamented the consequences of their faithlessness. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians, resulting in their entire world being laid to waste. But in the midst of that utter devastation, Jeremiah still offers them hope on the horizon: they are not completely destroyed because of the LORD's compassion and faithfulness, and in the morning, after this "dark night of the soul," things will be better. So whether we are at a place in our lives where everything is pretty ordinary, or whether we are in a period of grief: no matter what our circumstances, God never changes and is faithful to us, sustaining us in his compassion and faithfulness each and every day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

(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

#613 v.1 *I Love the Lord*
I LOVE THE LORD

I love the Lord, He heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to His throne.

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

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

**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

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord Glenn Jones

*In the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
My soul's been anchored in Jesus. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, oh my Savior hide
'til the storm of life is past. Safe unto the haven guide, oh receive my soul at last.
In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.*

SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"Trust God and Do Good"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

Look and Live
LOOK AND LIVE

The composer of this hymn, William Augustine Ogden, was born in Franklin County, OH, and his family moved to Indiana when he was six years old. He studied music in local singing schools at age 8, and by age 10 could read church music fairly well. Later, he could write out a melody by hearing it sung or played. He enlisted in the American Civil War in the 30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. During the war he organized a male choir, which became well known throughout the Army of the Cumberland. After the war, he returned home, resumed music study, and taught school.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Alspaugh

BENEDICTION (Choir & Congregation)

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

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,
the communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.**

POSTLUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough

Chorale Prelude on "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" J. S. Bach

(*) 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	Mike Kalbfleisch	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)

Thank You from the Petry Family

The family of Ron Petry extends to you our heartfelt thank you for the kindness shown to us. We are thankful for our pastors who have walked the journey with us, for the many cards and words of caring, for the friends that helped with the reception, please know that we are grateful for all of you. I am so thankful for the God-given strength to get us through this challenging and difficult journey we have traveled. *Sincerely, Diana and Family*

Week of Feb. 23 – Mar. 2

Sun. 23	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	4:00p	.....	Yun Kim Organ Recital
Tue. 25	1:00p	.....	CWU Meeting @ FBC
	7:00p	.....	DP Rehearsal
Wed. 26	6:30p	.....	PDI Meeting
Thu. 27	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 2	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

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

Organ Recital by Yun Kim

This Afternoon, Feb. 23 @ 4pm

An Organ Recital by Yun Kim will be held at First Baptist today, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. Dr. Kim will present a variety of selections on our hybrid organ installation at First Baptist. She has collaborated with some of the finest musicians in the area and has often worked with our own Ray Landis. Yun holds the Doctor of Music in Organ Performance from Indiana University. She has presented concerts throughout the greater Dayton area and around the world. She has accompanied professional choral groups throughout the area and is very active with the American Guild of Organists. Currently she is organist and music director at Christ Episcopal Church. She is a very loving, sensitive, and caring professional, and we welcome her to First Baptist. Please join us for a wonderful organ presentation.

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@fbcd Dayton.org / 937-631-3579). Adults are, of course, also welcome to respond to this invitation by speaking to any of our pastors.

Church Women United News

Ladies of First Baptist: Mark your calendars. Our first meeting of the New Year is
Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Our speaker will be Rev. Vanessa Ward of Omega Connection.

Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Corinthian Baptist Church
(700 S. James McGee Blvd, Dayton)

Cost: \$10.00 - Turn in your reservations to Linda Ginter Brown no later than March 5.

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025



We are once again joining with the folks of Christ Episcopal this upcoming Lenten season as we seek to “observe a holy Lent,” beginning with Ash Wednesday. There are a couple of options, including:

Traditional Worship Service with Eucharist: Noon at Christ Episcopal Church

Ashes-to-Go: 4-6pm at Christ Episcopal Church

There are also plans for a midweek evening study and a Maundy Thursday Agape meal.

Look for details in upcoming announcements.

In March: The America for Christ Offering 2025

GRACE UPON GRACE: Grace in Turbulent Times

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32 NIV)*

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God’s vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously in March. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks.

Baptist Youth Fellowship Bowling

Sunday, March 16 @ Noon - 3:30pm

Poelking Lanes

1403 Wilmington Ave.



Our Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) is planning an outing to Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Ave., meeting up with friends from Christ Episcopal Church. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship and then carpool to the bowling alley. Bowling & shoe rental costs will be covered, and we’ll order pizza & sodas there for lunch. Friends are always welcome; just be sure they have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation form (copies available outside the church office). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org / 937-631-3579).

Eastway Food Pantry Donations

(During the month of February, First Baptist Church of Dayton will have a large bin in the narthex for the congregation to donate the items listed below to the Eastway Food Pantry.)

Canned goods do NOT need to be donated. Eastway needs to supplement the offerings from the Food Bank with those items that are not traditionally available from food banks including:

Supplemental Fresh Foods

Feminine Hygiene Products

Birthday packs (cake mix, icing, disposable pan)

Cooking oils, flour, sugar, spices

Pasta sauces

Baby Diapers

Hygiene Products

Peanut butter

Grains

If anyone would like more information, there are handouts about the Eastway Food Pantry located on the table near the church office, or please speak with Jamie See.

Hymn of Response: Look and Live

1. I've a mes - sage from the Lord, Hal - le - lu - jah! The
 2. I've a mes - sage full of love, Hal - le - lu - jah! A
 3. Life is of - fered un - to you. Hal - le - lu - jah! E -
 4. I will tell you how I came, Hal - le - lu - jah! To

mes - sage un - to you I'll give. 'Tis re - cord - ed in His Word,
 mes - sage, O my friend, for you. 'Tis a mes - sage from a - bove,
 ter - nal life your soul shall have If you'll on - ly look to Him.
 Je - sus when He made me whole: 'Twas be - liev - ing on His name,

Hal - le - lu - jah! It is on - ly that you "look and live."
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus said it, and I know 'tis true.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Look to Je - sus, who a - lone can save.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! I trust - ed and He saved my soul.

"Look and live," my broth - er, live.
 "Look and live," my broth - er, live. "Look and live." Look to

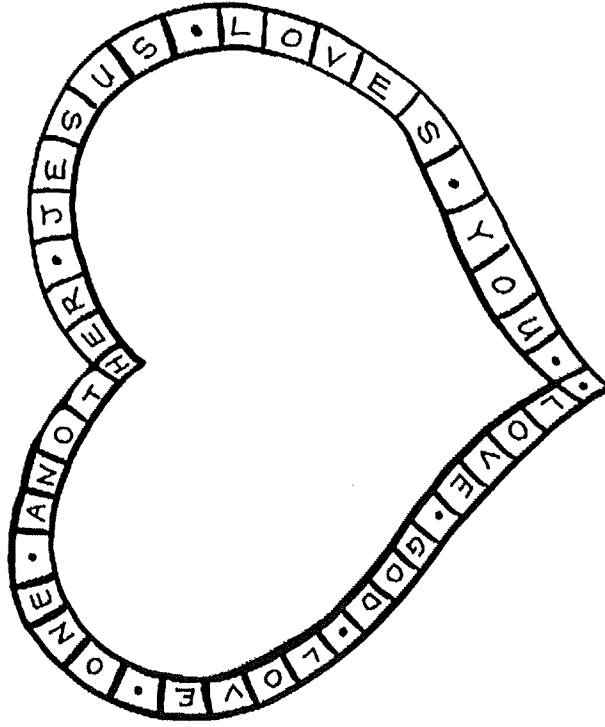
Je - sus now and live. 'Tis re - cord - ed in His Word, Hal - le -

lu - jah! It is on - ly that you "look and live."

Send


Loving others

Jesus wants us to love people who are difficult to love. Think of someone who is hard for you to love. Inside the heart draw one way you can share Jesus' love with this person.



Dear Jesus, please help me to find ways to be kind and loving to all people. Amen

This week

Look back at the front page. Do whatever you wrote beside .



Gather

Welcome to worship.

How do you say "good-bye" in worship? In your church the pastor may say: "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." The congregation may respond: "Thanks be to God." When we leave worship, we take with us what we have seen, heard, tasted, smelled, and touched. God wants us to remember what we have learned so we can teach others about Jesus' love.











Write your favorite hymn from worship today.



Write one thing you learned from the sermon.



Write the name of one person with whom you shared the peace.



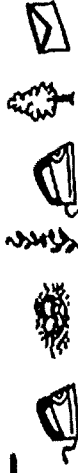
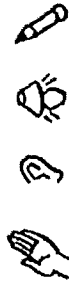
Write one thing you learned in worship that you can share with your friends in school.

hear & celebrate

Write the first letter of each picture in the blank below it.
You'll find ways you can show love to all people.







Jesus teaches about forgiveness

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus teaches: Love your enemies and pray for those who trouble you. They are all children of God.

One word from Jesus' message is hidden in the picture.
Circle the letters you find. Unscramble the word.
Underline the word in Jesus' message.

