

The Worship of God

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Gathering

For the living of these days,
let us heed promptings of possibility,
let us evoke creativities of compassion,
let us be poised for flight on soaring wings of faith and love.
O, COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD!

Invitation to Worship

Prelude "Prelude" Carl F. Mueller

Choral Introit "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" Freeman
Opening of the Bible Sarah Thornhill

Call to Worship Lily Thornhill

Leader: A star shines brightly to bring light for all to see.

People: Shine in our world, Christ Jesus.

Leader: A star shines brightly to guide our journey.

People: Shine in our lives, Christ Jesus.

Leader: A star shines brightly to call us together this day.

People: Shine in our worship, Christ Jesus.

All: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!

Hymn No. 721 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Shine, Jesus, Shine
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Children's Time "Blessing Bags"

Christian Greetings Monette Frye

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Call to Confession

Minister: We often hide in the shadows, afraid to lift up our eyes and see the radiance around us.

People: We stumble in the darkness of our fears; we hold tight to the blinders blocking our vision.

Minister: We suppress the light within ourselves and fail to see the light in others.

People: We who have walked in the darkness are seeking a great light.

Morning Prayer

Anthem "Bless the Lord" Hopson

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn No. 185 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Kings of Orient

Sermon The Mysterious Magi Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 181 "As with Gladness Men of Old" Dix

Offertory Prayer Ray Williams

The Offertory "Offertory" Carl F. Mueller

Doxology OLD HUNDRETH

Choral Benediction "As You Go, O Live for Him" Blakenship

Postlude "Postlude" Carl F. Mueller

Today's Lay Reader is Don Watson

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ann Ryalls and her family upon the death of her mother, Virginia Josephine Waller of New London who died on December 31.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani – Organist Sanctuary Choir

2017 Birthday Banquet

The 27th Annual Birthday Banquet will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required for the event. They will be accepted in the church office and on Sundays prior to the banquet. You will need to make payment for the meal when you make your reservation. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children with a \$25.00 family limit. Contact Wendy Walker if you are willing to help decorate or serve for the banquet.

Dream Teams Meetings in Fellowship Hall

Worship Enrichment Team	January 15	8:30 a.m.
Technology Team (Conference Room)	January 15	2:30 p.m.
Missional Leadership Team	January 22	8:30 a.m.
WOW for Jesus Team	January 22	2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Family Night Resumes This Week

Regular Wednesday night activities will resume this Wednesday on January 18 at 5:15 p.m. We are asking everyone to make a new reservation for the New Year. If you make a permanent reservation, please be faithful to inform us when you cannot attend.

Menu: Country style steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, braised carrots and salad bar.

Dr. Terry Hamrick – Missional Leadership Workshop March 3 & 4, 2017

On March 3 and 4, 2017, Dr. Terry Hamrick will be conducting a Friday evening-Saturday morning workshop on Missional Leadership at First Baptist. Dr. Hamrick retired from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship national headquarters as coordinator of missional visioning. More information will be announced on this soon.

Extended Sessions: January 15: Bed Babies-Savannah Kepley & Whitney Brooks:
Toddler/2 Year Olds- M/M Cory Kehl- **3 and 4 Year Olds:** Catherine Pyle & Adriana Ortiz

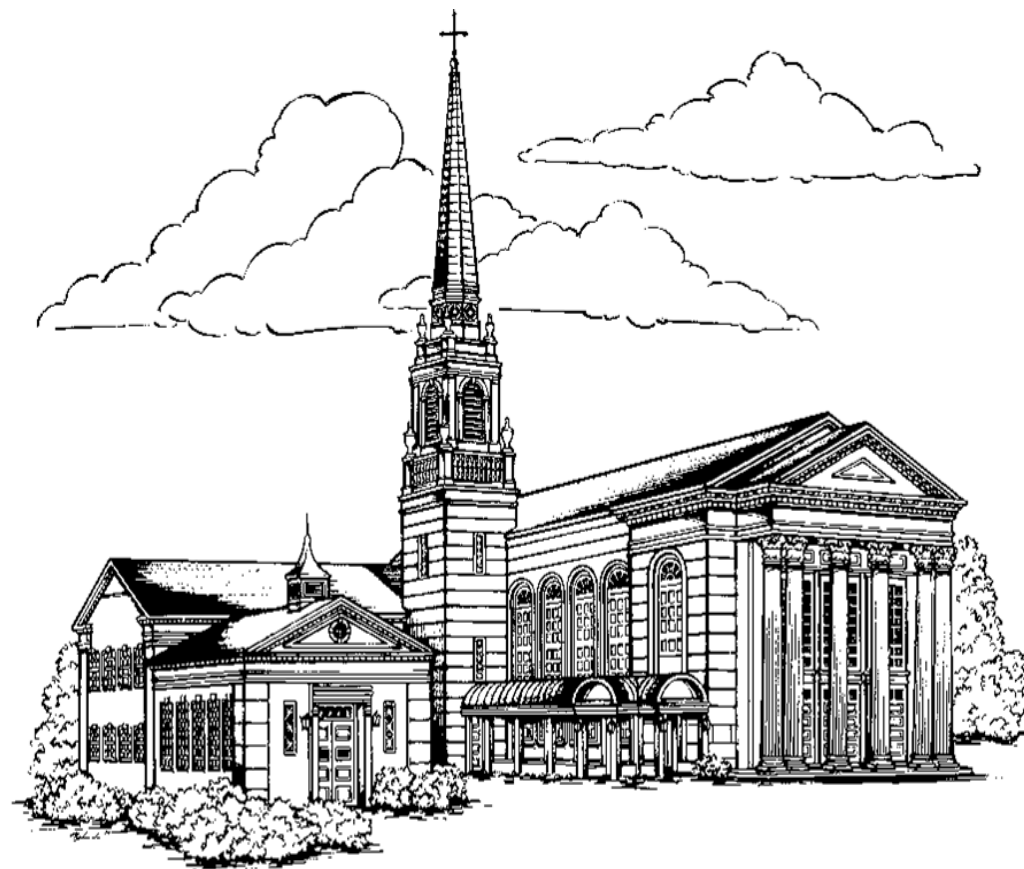
January 22: Bed Babies- M/M Jim Skotthy: **Toddler/2 Year Olds-** M/M Lee Davis **3 and 4 Year Olds:** Alyson Honeycutt & Grace Upton

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