

The Worship of God

January 5, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Epiphany Sunday

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!

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude on ST. ANNE* Robert Groves

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Another Year is Dawning* Samuel Wesley
Opening of the Bible Drew Lingerfelt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: For the wisdom of our elders bringing us safely to this place;

People: God of our yesterday, we give you thanks.

Minister: For the vision of new generations opening windows to new views;

People: God of our tomorrow, we give you thanks.

Minister: For the promise of this community creating new covenants blending heritage and hope;

People: God of our today, we give you thanks.

HYMN NO. 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

THE CHILDREN'S TIME The Epiphany Lights!

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SOLO *How Beautiful* Twila Paris

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

LITANY FOR THE NEW YEAR

Minister: What a year this has been!

People: So many things have happened. Some of them have been very good; others not so good.

Minister: In all of this our Lord has been with us, guiding, healing, and comforting.

People: Thanks be to God for His continual presence with us.

Minister: Now we are beginning a New Year.

People: We don't know what it will hold for us.

Minister: But we do know that whatever the New Year brings, God is with us.

People: Guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing with us.

Minister: And God is good.

People: All the time!

Minister: And God is faithful!

All: Morning by morning new mercies I see.

HYMN NO. 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6

SOLO *Up to the Mountain* Patty Griffin

SERMON *Blinded by the Darkness* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 520 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* TRUST IN JESUS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Reflection* Douglas E. Wagner

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

Minister: May the truth that sets us free,

People: And the hope that never dies,

Minister: And the love that casts our fear,

People: Be with us now

Minister: Until the dayspring breaks,

People: And the shadows flee away.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Recessional on ST. ANNE* Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is Kim Lingerfelt

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Dolly Skinner - director

Peggy Barnhardt - pianist Blair Trexler - soloist

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Bell in the death of her brother, Bryant Farley of Columbus, OH on December 13, 2013, and to the family of Chad Kirkendall in his death on December 22, 2013, and to Parker McLendon in the death of his sister, Mary Frances Evans of Deland, FL on December 24, 2013, and to Judy LeCroy in the death of her step-father, B.E. (Will) Williams on December 30, 2013, and to the family of Josh Lilly in his death on January 1, 2014.

The Deacons of the Week are Sara Briggs and Sarah Frye.

Deacons' Meeting Tonight - 7:00 p.m. - Parlor

Birthday Banquet Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings and in the church office.

Last date to purchase will be Monday, January 19, 2014

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Under 12 \$4.00 Family Limit \$20.00

Entertainment - First Baptist Members

*Menu: Chicken A La Parisian, Green Beans Allmondine, Rice, Spring Greens and Mandarin
Orange Salad/Poppy Seed Dressing, Coissant, Cake/Ice Cream*

Epiphany Lights!

Ray and Joyce invite all children and Middle School Youth to drop by their house tomorrow night between 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. to see the Epiphany Lights and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate!

FaithHealth Meeting

A very important meeting for all FaithHealth volunteers will be Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend! This would be a great opportunity to get involved in one of our church's most dynamic ministries.

Senior High Youth and Passport

All Passport Youth and all Senior High Youth are invited to attend a very important meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Baptists Today

Baptists Today subscriptions are due for renewal. The price is \$20.00 if we have less than 25 orders. The price will be \$18.00 if we have 25 or more. Call the church office if you wish to renew or add your name.

Extended Sessions:

January 5: Bed Babies - M/M Greg Briggs Toddler & 2 Year Olds - M/M Dale Lambeth
3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M Charlie Pyle

January 12: Bed Babies - M/M Kevin Foster Toddlers & 2 Year Olds - M/M Dustin Hill
3 & 4 Year Olds - Ray Nance Howell, Ethan Houser, Andy Killebrew

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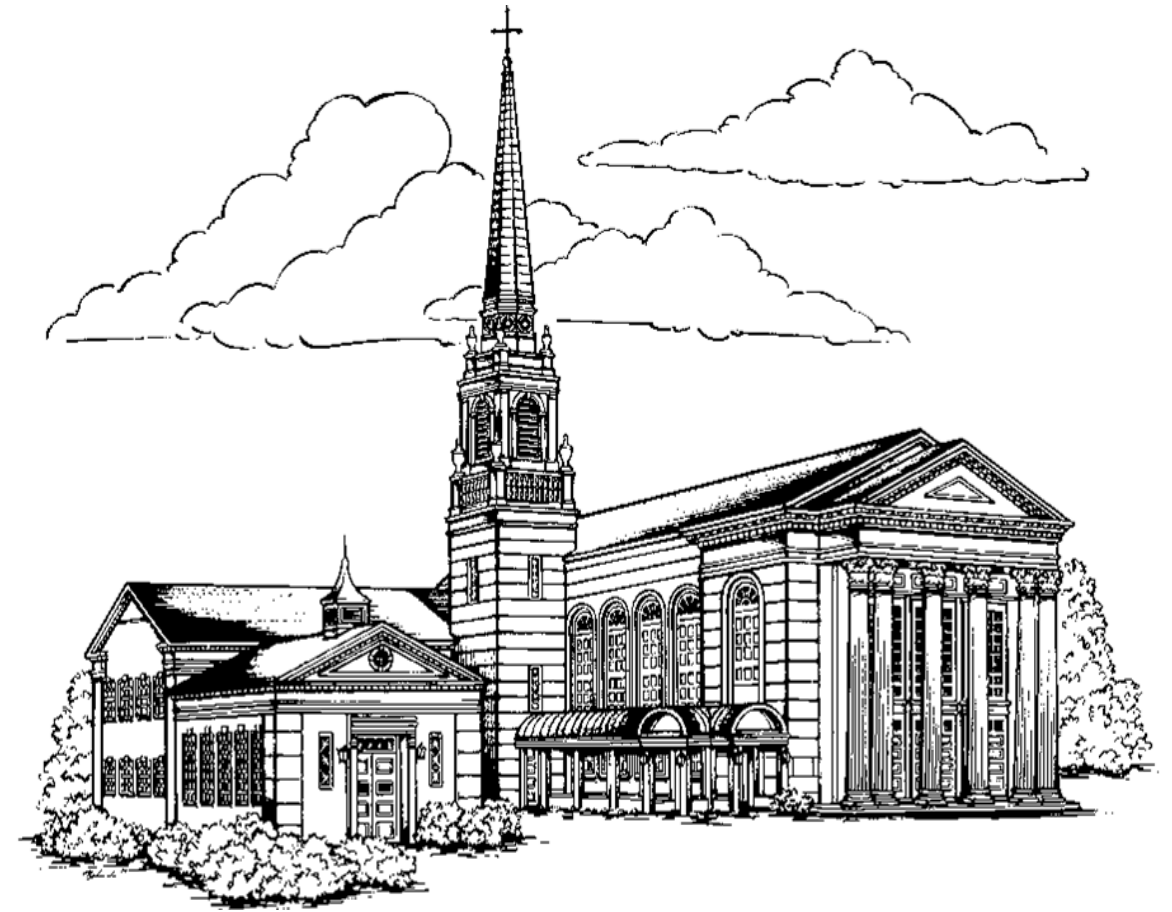
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