

The Worship of God

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

The Gathering

Today we gather at the water of baptism, water that flows freely to all who will receive it. As we come to the cleansing water we renew our commitments in each other's presence to the Christ who raised us, the Spirit who birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Pre-Service Music

Alan Williams and Tim Michael

Church Announcements

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. Janet Linker

Choral Introit "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down" Freeman
Opening of the Bible Meghan Maddox

Call to Worship Tori Houser

Leader: The voice of God is calling over the waters.

People: Beloved, be born of the water.

Leader: The son of God is calling from the waters.

People: Beloved, be born of the Spirit.

Leader: The Spirit of God is calling as gently as a descending dove.

People: Beloved, come to the waters and be baptized.

Hymn No. 758 "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN
Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Celebration of Christian Baptism Lisa Epley

Hymn No. 190 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1: 1-5

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 622 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:4-11

Anthem "Offertory" Beck

Sermon "Life's Defining Moment" Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 78 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

Offertory Prayer Dan Hamrick

The Offertory "Ayre" Arcangelo Corelli

Doxology

*Praise God the source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

Choral Benediction "Lord Let Us Now Depart In Peace" arr. Freeman

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" Arcangelo Corelli

Today's Lay Reader is Jim Tate

Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Suite

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Sanctuary Choir in the Music

Sunday Service Warm-Up

Join us in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning at 10:40 for special music provided by FBC members. Next Sunday will feature Alex Upton and Hailey Walker.

Holiday

The church office will be closed on Monday January 15, 2018.

Birthday Banquet

The 2018 Birthday Banquet will be held Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Reservations are now being accepted and can be made in the hall (near the office) today and through January 21. The price is \$8 adult; \$6 children (2-12) and \$25 family.

Bible Study

Dr. Howell will begin his Bible Study "The Parables of Jesus" on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. The study will continue through March 20 with the exception of the weeks February 26 and March 5, 2018.

Extended Sessions:

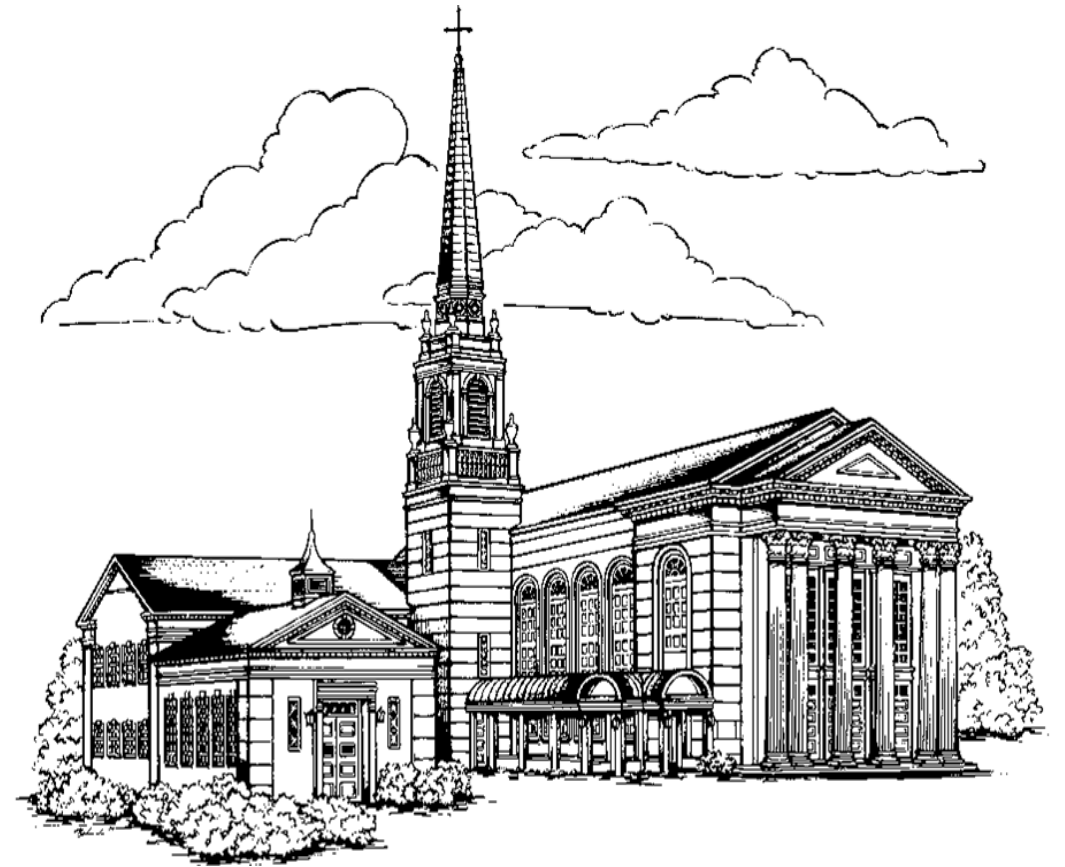
January 7th **Bed Babies**- Libby Foster/Courtney Foster **Toddler/2 Year-Olds**- M/M Kyle Kepley **3 and 4 - Year Olds**- M/M Kyle Kepley
January 14th **Bed Babies**- M/M Don Watson **Toddler/2 Year-Olds**- M/M Cory Kehl **3 and 4 - Year Olds**- Catherine Pyle/ Adriana Ortiz

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