

# The Worship of God

January 4, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Epiphany Sunday

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## 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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Robert Groves

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is God's Beloved Son* MOWSLEY  
Opening of the Bible Mary Evann Thornhill

CALL TO WORSHIP Austin Sams

Leader: For the wisdom of our elders bringing us safely to this place;  
**People: God of our yesterday, we give you thanks.**  
Leader: For the vision of new generations opening windows to new views;  
**People: God of our tomorrow, we give you thanks.**  
Leader: 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  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME The Epiphany Lights!

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

COMMITMENT EMPHASIS Tommy Saintsing

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

ANTHEM *Devotion* John Ness Beck

SERMON *Always We Begin Again* Dr. Ray Howell III

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mark Lambros

OFFERTORY *Elevation* Alexandre Guilmant

DOXOLOGY NO. 809\* OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace* Freeman

POSTLUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Gordon Young

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*Today's Lay Reader is Brenda Hipp*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Sandra Blackwelder, Jan Huffman and Julie Huneycutt and families on the death of their mother and grandmother on December 25.*

The Deacons of the Week are Debbie Auman and Gene Klump.

\*The congregation stands for the Doxology in ordered rows as a symbol of the diverse people of God coming together as one as the church of Jesus Christ. Please stand when the ushers pass your pew during the introduction to the Doxology. The balcony should stand when you see the ushers approaching the front of the sanctuary.

## 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.

## Announcements

### Sunday, 1/4

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry Conference Room  
9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee Gathering 2nd Floor Lobby

### Monday, 1/5

1:45 p.m. Frady/Johnson Mission Group Parlor  
2:00 p.m. Bernice Cross Mission Group Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, 1/6

12:00 p.m. Carolyn Phillips Mission Group Yarboroughs

### Commitment Forms Available

“Give and it will be given to you”

Commitment packets with forms for adults and children are available in the hall near the parlor. The packets are arranged alphabetically and contain two separate forms for adults and one for children. The long form contains the many opportunities for service, and the smaller form gives each person or family the opportunity to pledge financial support to FBC during 2015.

Many of the investments of these monies are represented on the branches of the tree in the 2015 logo. When members invest and give of their time and resources, God's kingdom (including we giver) receive a blessing.



Forms should be returned by Sunday, January 25.

Did you know that our building gets used for a Bible Study in addition to the two done by our pastor? That is three days of the week!

Family Night Begins - Wednesday, January 14th

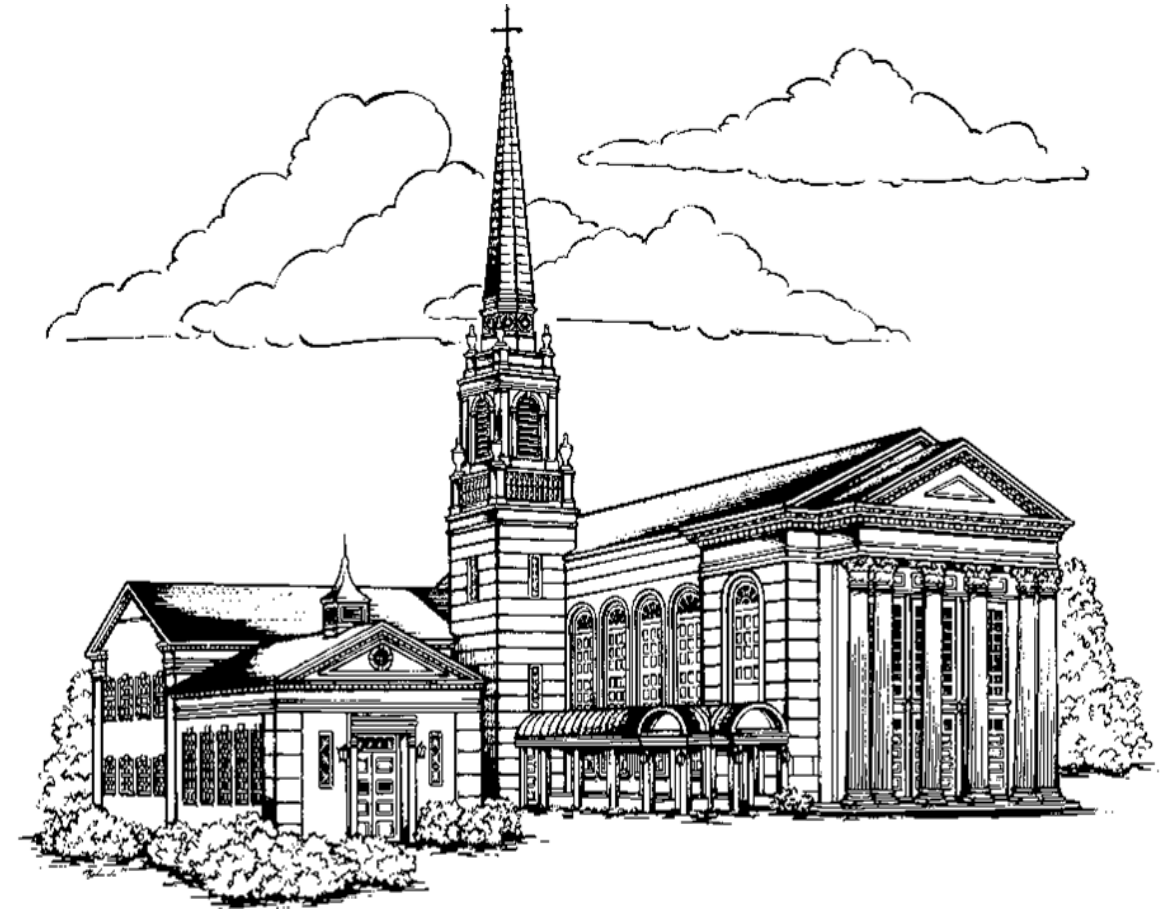
Volunteers need for the month of January for  
Grace Episcopal Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

### Extended Sessions:

**January 4:** 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 - Christy Clark &  
Courtney Sams 3 & 4 Year Olds - M/M William Hopkins

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