

# *The Worship of God*

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Gathering

We gather in community to rest from our labors, to greet our neighbors, and to open our being to insight and intuition of that greater reality of which we are a part. Rex Hunt

## Pre-Service Music

Alex Upton and Hailey Walker

## Announcements of the Church

### Prelude

“Introspection”

Richard Purvis

### Choral Introit

“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

arr. Freeman

Opening of the Bible  
Hartley

Annie

### Call to Worship

Spencer Hall

Leader: Jesus calls, “Follow Me!”

**People: We will follow Jesus.**

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**People: We will leave the past to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Jesus calls, “Follow me!”

**People: We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.**

Leader: Jesus calls, “Follow me!”

**People: We will follow Jesus who is our leader by night as by day.**

### Hymn No. 107

“Christ Be My Leader”

SLANE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## The Children’s Time

## Christian Greetings

## Old Testament Lesson

I Samuel 3: 1-10

## Call to Confession

Minister: We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel: Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## Morning Prayer

### Hymn No. 185

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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### Gospel Lesson

John 1: 35-51

### Anthem

“Beautiful Saviour”

Arr. Tom Fettke

### Sermon

“Come and See”

Dr. Ray N. Howell III

### Hymn (See Insert)

“Here I Am Lord”

arr. Michael Pope

### Offertory Prayer

Raye Leonard

### The Offertory

“Jesus, Our Divine Companion”

arr. Robert Hebble

### Doxology

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### Choral Benediction

“Lord Let Us Now Depart In Peace”

arr. Freeman

### Postlude

“Sing a New Song”

Edward Broughton

**Today’s Lay Reader is Vinnon Williams**

## 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 a.m. for special music provided by FBC members. Next Sunday will feature Jim Barton.

### FBC Book Lovers

The second meeting of FBC Book Lovers will be held today. Please come to the church library at 3 p.m. where Kay Albright will lead our discussion on *Same Kind of Different As Me*. We hope you will invite other readers to join us. Book Lovers is sponsored by the FBC Media Committee.

### Contribution Statements

The 2017 contribution statements are ready for pickup today. They are located in the hallway in front of Jim's office. Please contact Sherri Salinas at 245-1261 ext 103 or [sherri@fbclex.org](mailto:sherri@fbclex.org) if you have any question about your statement.

### 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

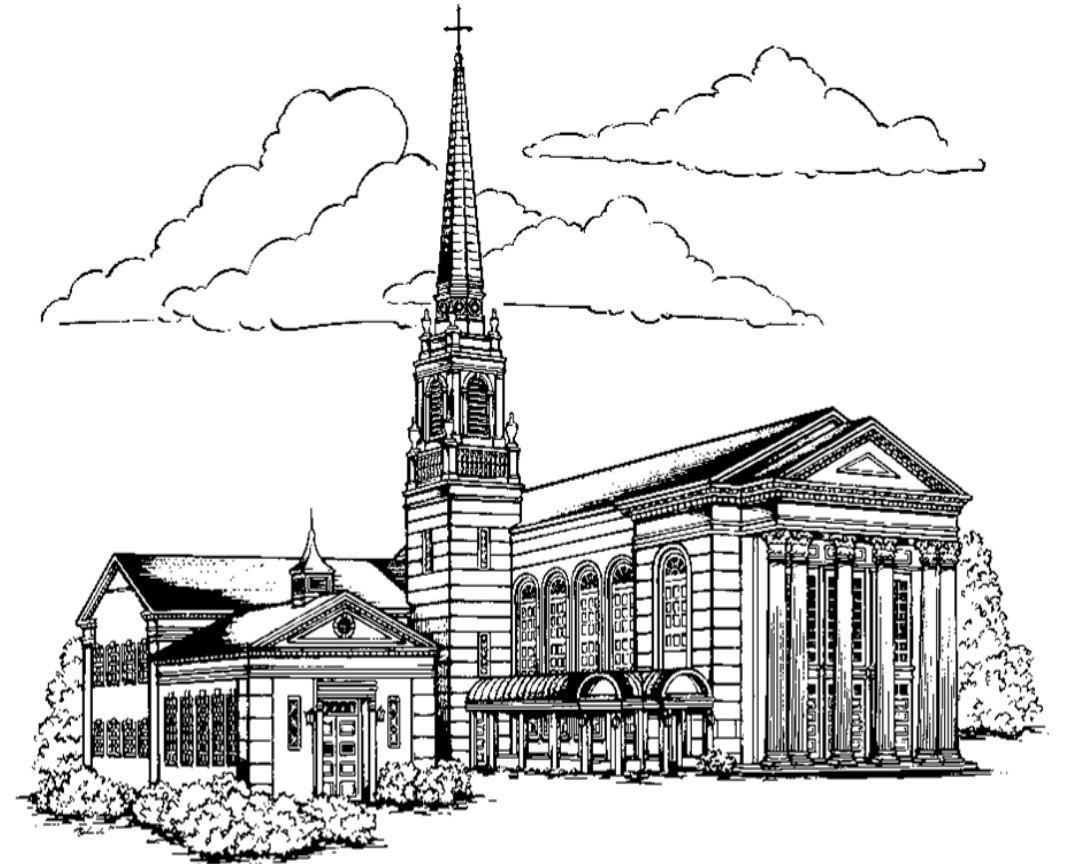
Dr. Howell will begin his Bible Study "The Parables of Jesus" on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. The study will continue through March 20<sup>th</sup> with the exception of the weeks February 26 and March 5, 2018.

### Extended Sessions:

January 14<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies-** M/M Don Watson **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Cory Kehl **3 and 4 - Year Olds-** Catherine Pyle /Adriana Ortiz

January 21<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies-** Wendy Skotthy **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Bryan Lingerfelt **3 and 4 - Year Olds-** M/M Dale Frank

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