

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Church. They are valuable members of our faith family and we welcome them into this house of worship. Our nursery is open during worship for infants and toddlers. The nursery is located out the doors to the left of the pulpit and down the hall. Our nursery workers will be happy to assist you. Extended Care is for children ages 3-4 and for 5-year-olds who have not entered kindergarten. These children will sit as a group with our Extended Care leaders on the first pew in the right section. All children through 5th grade are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to participate in our Children's Sermon. Our preschoolers will leave for Extended Care after this.

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM. Sermons are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org.

Announcements

Missions Offering

Our Missions Offering to date is \$29,925. We have exceeded our \$25,000 goal but we have many great missions partners who could use our help. Let's see if we can reach at least \$30,000!

Fellowship Suppers Resume January 9

Our Fellowship dinners at Caritas Village will resume January 9. Join us from 5-6:30 pm for dinner followed by a devotion and prayer time.

Children's Missions

Children's Missions resumes in January, meeting the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4-5 pm. If you are interested in teaching a session of our Children's Missions program, please email April Blankenship (roseam21@gmail.com). This semester we will combine the Sr. Kindergarten – 5th-grade groups.

Volunteers Needed to Take Down Christmas Decorations

Come join us to take down Advent and Christmas decorations in the Welcome Center and Sanctuary Jan. 7 from 6-8 pm!

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, January 6

- 8:30 a.m. Committee on Committees Mtg., CR
- 9:00 a.m. First Cup Gathering, Welcome Center
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. South Africa Team Meeting, Youth Area

Monday, January 7

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 6:00 p.m. Take Down Decorations Sanct. & Wel. Ctr.

Tuesday January 8

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, January 9

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper, Caritas
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Together Deadline

Thursday, January 10

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Game Day, Parlor

Friday, January 11

- 7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Volunteers

Extended Care

Next Sunday, January 13

Threes/Fours: Jenny Pendley
Laura Locke

Floater: Tiffany Wright

Welcome Desk at Worship

January 6: Greer Richardson

Receptionists

Mon, Jan. 7: Trudy Hatton/Valerie Brenner

Tues, Jan. 8: Lora Leonard/
Volunteer Needed

Wed, Jan. 9: Betty Wilson/
Valerie Brenner

Thurs, Jan. 10: Bill Wilson/
Volunteer Needed

FBC in Prayer

New Concerns

Lora Jobe Burke
Brant Butler
Trudy Hatton
Linda Haywood
Anson Purdy
Jean Rose Raney
Milton & Frances Ray



Street Light by Giacomo Balla, 1909

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

*So when life is getting scary, be your own illuminary
Who can shine the light for all the world to see,
As you trip a little light fantastic with me!*

—Trip A Little Light Fantastic, from Mary Poppins Returns



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. Carolyn Miller
Dylan Hatton & Ray Hatton, *pianists*

Call to Worship Kathleene Sims

One: Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Many: Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

One: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**Many: For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**

All: May the light of Jesus guide the way.¹

* Hymn of Praise 94 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

* Invocation Rev. Brittany Stillwell

Greeting
One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2:1-12* Sharon McCall

One: This is God's Word for us today.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People James Aycock

¹ Adapted from Bruce Prewer.

Hymn of Prayer 117 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX
(We will sing the first two verses. As we sing the second verse,
the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

Children's Sermon Rebecca Courtney

LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 3:1-6* Michael Owen

Offertory Prayer Shawn Hawkins

Offertory *You Are the Light* Tom Fettke
Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response VENI EMMANUEL

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.

* Prayer of Preparation Rev. Brittany Stillwell
and Congregation

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Brittany Stillwell
Trip A Little Light Fantastic
Exodus 3:1-6 & Matthew 5:14-16
(pages 49 & 836 in the pew Bible)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate communion. The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking communion by intinction, the body of the church acts together, moving as a community toward the table. When you approach the table take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then eat it. A deacon will bring communion to those who cannot come forward.

SHINING YOUR LIGHT

* Hymn of Response *This Little Light of Mine* LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

* Benediction *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.*

* Postlude *The First Noel* arr. Brian Glyncannon

Aaron Foster, *organist*

An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.

Today's worship participants are Dylan Hatton, a member of the Children's Department, Ray Hatton, Dylan's granddaddy and piano teacher, Kathleene Sims, a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Sharon McCall, a member of the First Friends Sunday School Class and the Sanctuary Choir, James Aycock, a Connect 4 Sunday School Teacher and member of the Public Relations Committee, Rebecca Courtney, a Youth Sunday School teacher and a deacon, Michael Owen, a member of the Connect 4 Sunday School Class, and Shawn Hawkins, a Women of Faith Sunday School Teacher and a deacon.

Bridget Ellis celebrated her fourteenth anniversary as Publications Specialist on January 3.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Today is Epiphany Sunday. Today marks the end of Christmastide as we remember the coming of the magi to visit Jesus. Epiphany means appearance. On this day, we celebrate Christ as the light of the world—an identity marked by the magi's visit and their presentation of gifts fit for a king. The altar table is adorned with the candles that journeyed with us throughout the season of Advent. The stars hanging on rustic, natural sticks call us to wonder at God's presence in the ordinary and unexpected. The light on the table originates in the cradle where the light shines the brightest and scatters out into the world. May this altar table provide visual inspiration as we wonder together.

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST

We are so glad you decided to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you. You can place these in the offering plate during the offertory. Consider lingering after worship so that our members might have a chance to greet you. Our ministers will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.