

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Today we celebrate The Baptism of Jesus. This day marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the beginning of the season of the Christian Year known as Ordinary Time. This season is named, not because it is somehow less special, but because of how it is counted using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). This season of the Christian Year is marked with the color green because it is set aside as a season of growth and transformation. The runner on the altar table represent life and growth while the candles and Bible remind us of the central role the light of Christ and the Word of God in Scripture play in our transformation during these "Great Green Growing Days." A special thanks to Trudy Hatton who created the runner and stoles.

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 deacons and interim ministers will be in the Welcome Center after worship and would love to meet you.

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

Deacons Meeting, January 19

The Deacon body will meet Sunday, January 19 in Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Lunch will be provided.

Annual Church Conference, January 26

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, January 26, following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. At this time the church body will approve the 2020 Church Budget and new committee members.

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This Week at First Baptist

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Congregational
Conversation and
Lunch, FH
1:00 p.m. Kids' Missions
5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, January 13

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
7:00 p.m. Book Club

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

7:30 a.m. FBDS Program
Youth Winter Summit

Saturday, January 18

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Volunteers

Welcome Desk Deacon Greeter

January 12 Gloria Hodges

Sanctuary Foyer Greeters

January 12 Brian and Natalie
Cathey

Receptionists (8:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Mon, Jan 13: Trudy Hatton

Tues, Jan 14: Lora Leonard

Wed, Jan 15: Betty Wilson

Thurs, Jan 16: Bill Wilson

Extended Care

Next Sunday, January 19

Threes/Fours: Doug Blankenship,
Rebecca Courtney

Floater: Glenna Ward

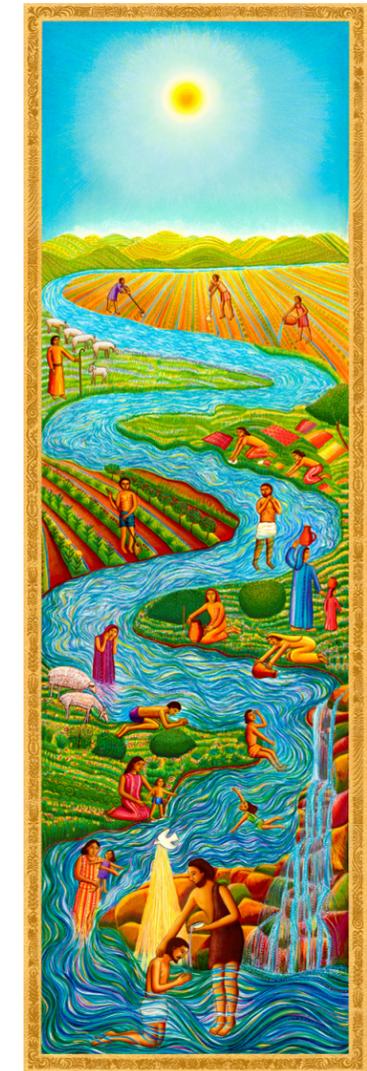
FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Nancy Burch
Brant Butler
Kathleen Feaster
Linda Haywood

Sympathy

To the family of Dwight Spearman



The River, John August Swanson

The Baptism of Jesus

January 12, 2020

The one who created us is waiting for our response to the love that gave us our being. God not only says: "You are my Beloved." God also asks: "Do you love me?" and offers us countless chances to say "Yes."

—Henri Nouwen



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Baptism of Jesus

PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

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

Prelude *God, You Are* Dick Tunney
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: **The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;**

One: Then God said, Let there be light,

Many: **and God saw that it was good.**

One: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

Many: **The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove.**

One: Then God said, This is my beloved Son,

Many: **in whom I am well pleased.**

All: **Let us worship in the name of the One who is come.**

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Hymn of Praise 176 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN
(Stanzas 1-3)

* Call to Confession Laura Locke

One: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, to be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord.

Let us remember our baptism as we confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the One who has come to save us.

* Prayer of Confession

All: **God of glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are— not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon Laura Locke

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* Congregational Response 176 CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God, and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!
(As we sing, the children are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading *Matthew 3:13-17* Sammy Rich
(pages 834-835 in the pew Bible)

One: This is God's Word for us today.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Like a Dove* John Purifoy
The Sanctuary Choir

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes our sins away,
"After me will come a man whose sandals I'm not worthy even to untie."
And then Jesus came, when from the water He arose behold the heavens opened up, He saw the hand of God descending from on high.

Like a dove, the Spirit came to Him. Like a dove, it then remained with Him.
From above a voice cried "This is my beloved Son, with whom I'm well pleased."

Prepare ye the way, the way of the Lord.
And ev'ry valley shall be filled, each mountain and each hill will be brought low.
The crooked shall be straight, the rough ways be made smooth.
He on whom you see the Spirit descend,
This shall be the Son of God.

Like a dove, the Spirit came to Him. Like a dove, it then remained with Him.
From above a voice cried, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I'm well pleased."
Like a dove, the Spirit comes to us. Like a dove, it then remains with us.
From above a voice cries, "This is my beloved child with whom I'm well pleased, with whom I'm well pleased."

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde 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. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Attending a Baptism

RESPONSE

* Hymn of Prayer 245 MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Offertory Prayer Emily Callahan

Offertory *A Poem of Thanks* John Crüger
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

* Congregational Response 253 **Doxology** OLD 100TH

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People Cherish Mathis

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Hymn of Response 572 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

* Postlude *Little Prelude and Fugue in G* J.S Bach
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participants are Laura Locke, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a member of Personnel committee; Sammy Rich, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Religion 101 SS class; Emily Callahan, a member of the Connect 4 SS; and Cherish Mathis, chair of the Missions committee and a member of the Transition Team.