

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

by J. S. Bach

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.
This Child now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.
Come, dearest Child, into our hearts, and leave Your crib behind You!
Let this be where the new life starts for all who seek and find You.
To You the honor, thanks, and praise, for all Your gifts this time of grace;
Come, conquer and deliver this world, and us, forever.*

- Johann Rist & Fred Pratt Green

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
We who live in a shadowed world have seen God's revelation in Jesus.
Lift up your eyes and see: God's light dwells in you!
Our hearts rejoice at the opportunity to witness to what we have seen and heard.
Gather, then, as apostles and prophets, stewards of the mystery of Christ.
We have seen a star and have come to worship.
May your awareness, responsiveness, and reverence be strengthened in this hour of worship.*

+Hymn 151

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

+Prayer of the Day

Austin Carty

+Act of Praise

THE FIRST NOWELL

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood humankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!*

- Traditional English carol

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

Psalms 72

setting by Hal Hopson



We, too, bow down. In one voice we raise, ev - er to sing un - end - ing praise.

All hail to God's anointed, Great David's greater Son!

All hail, in time appointed, Your reign on earth begun!

You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,

To take away transgression and rule with equity. REFRAIN

The rulers bow before You, and gold and incense bring;

All nations shall adore You, Your praise all people sing;

To You shall prayers unceasing and daily vows ascend;

Your rule is still increasing, Your rule is without end. REFRAIN

- James Montgomery

The First Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Paul Sims

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired
of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,

“In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

**‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least
among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who
is to shepherd my people Israel.’”**

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

**“Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”**

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star
that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down
and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return
to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Seeing Reality for the First Time”

Austin Carty

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn 114

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*... we join our voices in offering praise to the God of loving power
and powerful love:*

sung: *Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*... As we come together to eat at Your table, may we offer ourselves to You
in praise and thanksgiving for all Your mighty acts.*

Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Blessing the Cup

The Communion of the People

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup,
then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle
and be seated.

music during communion:

What Child Is This?

setting by Alice Jordan

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;

The Kings of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

- William Dix

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodland, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling, starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

- 17th century German hymn

The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

+Offertory Prayer

Ed Garr

Loose change received in January will support the work of CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper,
who works in Southeastern and Southern Kentucky through Olive Branch Ministries and Together for Hope.

Organ Offertory

The Rejoicing

by Charles Callahan

+Doxology for Epiphany

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Your glory, Christ, is manifest: all peoples, Lord, by You are blest;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore;

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go in God's Name

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

setting by M. B. Bennett

Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

Carolyn Garr, cantor

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

E. R. Hopper, Jr.

in commemoration of his birthday

by

Agnes Young