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Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

[corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome](http://corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Free Covid-19 tests and vaccinations available at the White Flag Building, 401 Roy Kidd Ave., Corbin, KY

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

5:30 pm Meal (contact church office **by Mon. Jan. 17th** to reserve your spot).

6:15 pm Adult Bible Study  
Children & Youth Activities

Thursday, January 20, 2022

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

**Memorial gifts:**

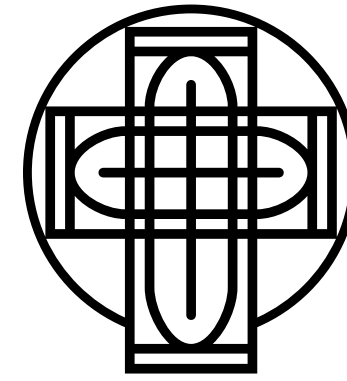
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As the new year begins, I would encourage you to include an increase in your Bible study and fellowship through Sunday School in your plans for 2022. (Not a New Year's resolution- we tend to break at least some of those.) Find a class that feels like a good fit, and enjoy the benefits- being with other Christians who face some of the same struggles and joys as you do, digging into study and discussions together, and praying for one another. We have good classes for a variety of ages, but several adult classes have no real age restrictions. (If you want another class added, please share your thoughts with me or a staff member!)

I am excited about the plan for studies in our children's Sunday School and Children's Church. Both sessions have the same Bible based big idea for a month with stories and Bible verses and activities. These sessions go through most of the books of the Bible in 3 years. Jeremiah, with input from teachers and some parents, has done a great job of planning for a whole year ahead!

Also, let's focus on learning what God's word says in whatever ways are best for each of us individually. In the last few years, I have enjoyed the free Bible app on my phone. I love that it can read to me in my car! The short term reading plans are terrific and inspiring with topics ranging from teens, parenting, grief, stress, money management, and even the NFL. And whatever passage you choose to read can be changed to just about any translation.

TV is usually an unlikely source for Bible study, but The Chosen is an exception. It's a series about the ministry of Jesus and the disciples, based fairly accurately on scripture, but with modern language and some writers' liberties with filling in the gaps. If you are looking for clean, inspiring entertainment with a message of hope, I hope you'll try it. You have to download the free app in order to watch on your phone, tablet or tv.

Isaiah 55: 10-13 tells us that even as rain and snow come from heaven and cause growth, so does God's word. So let's grow together in God's word! ~Donna Davis

We have seen a recent and rapid uptick in COVID-19 amid the omicron variant. The Whitley County incidence rate is 101.6, which qualifies as a high level of transmission by every metric. As with all pandemic changes, we are given an opportunity to reevaluate what it means for us to be a community partner in Corbin.

In looking to establish a metric based response to the ever-fluid pandemic, the Church Council has agreed to a new proposal for our congregational gatherings. When the Whitley County incidence rate hits 50.0 or higher, we recommend social distancing in the sanctuary and wearing masks when gathered, especially while singing.

Previously, we had adhered to Kentucky's "in the red" incidence rate of 25.0 or higher. We believe that is too stringent, so we have chosen 50.0, which is designated as a "substantial rate of transmission" by the CDC. The two safety recommendations of social distancing and masking were chosen because medical experts still deem these as the most effective ways to protect each other.

I believe it is important to inform you that the Church Council did not come to this proposal unanimously. As is true with any community, there was a diverse set of opinions for how to best proceed. There is disagreement, and I believe that makes us stronger. Acting in the spirit of Christian kindness, we can disagree, agreeably, and, in noticing that there is a wide range of thought, I pray this helps each of us find grace in the midst of decision-making.

The goal of the faith community is not uniformity, but like-mindedness. We strive to be like-minded in our grace and respect for each other and also our concern for our neighbors. While we might disagree on the methods, the spirit of kindness remains. This makes me proud.

As with all Church Council recommendations, this is not a mandate. You are invited to respond to these recommendations with full autonomy. We are grateful for our church, and we hope these conversations and decisions help to provide the safest faith opportunities we can. Stay warm and be healthy. - Alex

# First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

## Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* setting by Matt Limbaugh

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

*And also with you.*

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*God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, God's faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Jesus turns water into wine, sorrow into joy.*

*All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.*

*In God is the fountain of life.*

Hymn 319 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Confession and Forgiveness Paul Sims

*God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect Your glory. We have been fickle and unfaithful, but Your steadfast love never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but You freely pour out Your gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of Your way and help us to use our gifts for the common good, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Act of Praise LINSTeAD



Raise your voice high, praise and magnify, all you works of God bless the Lord!

*All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;*

*Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN*

*Sing, you sun and you moon above, stars of heaven, now sing God's love;*

*Dew and showers, you winds that blow, heat and fire, and you ice and snow: REFRAIN*

*Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,*

*All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest. REFRAIN*

- Stephen Starke

## Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Alex Lockridge

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10 Jeremiah Banks

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,*

*Your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,*

*Your judgments are like the great deep;*

*How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!*

*All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.*

Hymn *Sing of God Made Manifest* DIX

*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound.  
Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by You, but Your bidding I will do."  
Then from heav'n a double sign – dove-like Spirit, Voice divine.  
Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed.*

-Carl P. Daw, Jr. (alt.)

A Reading from the Gospels Paul Sims

John 2:1-11

Sermon "First Impressions" Alex Lockridge

## Give Thanks to God

Hymn *Come, Join in Cana's Feast* OLD 134<sup>TH</sup>

*Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honored guest.  
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.  
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.  
But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.  
Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied  
By him who is both guest and host; for us, the Crucified.*

- Herman G. Stuempfle

The Communion of the People

Hymn 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Offertory Prayer Jeremiah Banks

Organ Offertory *Trio Chorale on LOBE DEN HERREN* by Larry Visser

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Go in God's Name

Commission and Blessing Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

☐ *and may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good. Amen.*

Organ Postlude *Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN* by Larry Visser



The sanctuary flowers for Sunday, January 16, 2022 are placed in memory of BILL & RUBY COBB and TOM & PEGGY MOORE

by

Kellie Moore Steely and Kristi Moore Whitehead

## Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Alex Lockridge  
606-401-9011

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

Deacon: Donna Davis  
606-524-4256

## January 9, 2022 Summary:

Budget Offerings:	\$ 7,221.00
Fiscal YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 141,833.17
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 161,733.00



## Fellowship Meal

Menu - January 19th

Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes w/gravy

Green Beans

Rolls and Dessert