

WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord

Eleven o'clock

January 6, 2019

Preparation for Worship

*When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.*

~ Howard Thurman (1900-1981)

Prelude

Prélude sur L'introit de Epiphanie
Maurice Duruflé
Lawrence P. Schreiber, Organist

Introit

We Have Seen His Star
Everett Titcomb
Chancel Choir
Aurelio Dominguez, Conductor

*Processional Hymn 68

What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

*Call to Worship and Welcome

(based on Isaiah 60, Matthew 2)

Julie Pennington-Russell

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

All: **The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.
Follow the star, wherever it leads.

All: **Take the journey that leads to the child.**

One: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

All: **We worship Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ be always with you!

All: **And also with you!**

*Hymn 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

(Congregation sings stanzas 1 & 5; Soloists sing stanzas 2, 3, 4)

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Ed Fry

(Common English Bible, Pew Bible: Old Testament, p. 690)

*The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-18

Alyssa Aldape

(New Living Translation; Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 2)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem

Arise, Shine, for Your Light is Come

Donald Pearson

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Alyssa

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 and ever. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Guests, if you've completed a guest card,
please place it in the offering plate today.

Offertory Solo

A Gift for the Christ-Child
Arr. by Lawrence P. Schreiber
Kelly Curtain, Soprano

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The Third Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(The Message; Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 186)

Matt Suggs

Message

To Life!

Pastor Julie

We keep a moment of silence in which
Holy Spirit may continue to speak.

Celebration of Communion

The Bread
The Cup

Pastor Julie
Pastor Alyssa

One: And so, in remembrance of God's mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!



Today we receive the Lord's Supper by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. Deacons and pastors will serve at the front and middle of the sanctuary. Please come by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated, a deacon will gladly bring the elements to you as you lift your hand.

Communion Hymn (see music next page) This Little Light of Mine

We receive a love offering for those in our church, community and world in need. As we sing the communion hymn, ushers will pass offering plates among the congregation. Thank you for your generosity.

*Benediction

Pastor Julie

*Recessional Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light is Come!

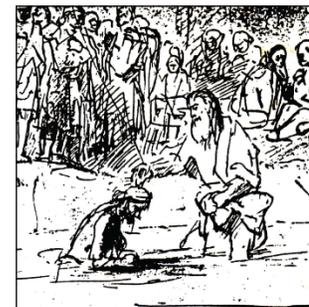
*The Sending

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

*Postlude

Puer Nobis
Setting by David N. Johnson

*Please rise in body or spirit.



Next Week in Worship

Message: A Good Beginning
Sermon Text: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Supplemental Texts: Isaiah 43:1-7;
Acts 8:14-17; Psalm 29

Jan 13

This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Contributing to Worship Today

- The flowers are given in honor of the fifth wedding anniversary of Ian French and Amy Millikan-French on January 5th, by Al and June Millikan.
- The deacon "on call" this week is Kate Campbell (202-821-3390).

"Church Speak"

*Our worship contains words and phrases,
traditions and practices, which may be unfamiliar to many.
In this spot each week, we highlight one of these.*

Epiphany

The twelve days of Christmas come to an end on January 6, and the season of the Epiphany begins. The name "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, and means "to show, make known, or reveal." We associate Epiphany with the visit of the Wise Men, or Magi, who found the infant Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem (Matthew 2) and were the first Gentiles to worship Jesus, through their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Epiphany not only completes Christmas, it also fulfills it by celebrating the revelation of the Christ to the whole world.

This Week at First Baptist Church

For the week beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019

Welcome! We're glad you're here to worship with us the God of resurrection and new beginnings. If you are new to First Baptist, we'd love to know that you were here. Please fill out a welcome card (located in front of you in the pew), and put it in the offering plate, or give your card to one of our greeters or pastors. Please join us after worship for our potluck lunch!

Today

- Small Groups/Bible Study for all ages (9:30 and 9:45 am)
- Chancel Choir rehearsal (10:00 am in Room 312 – Choir Suite)
- Worship at 11 am
- Potluck lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- Worship in Spanish at 2 pm with Rev. Saúl García (Dawson Room, 1st floor of the Ed. Bldg.)

Tuesday

- Education for Ministry (EfM) (6:30 pm, Conference Room)

Wednesday

- Bible study and prayer in Spanish with Rev. Saúl García (7 pm, Dawson Room)

Thursday

- Ordinary Time for Young Adults (contact Pastor Alyssa for location)

Saturday

- Building open 11 am to 3 pm
- Basketball (12-2pm, basement gym; all welcome)

Weekly Support Groups at FBCDC

These groups meet weekly at First Baptist: AA, SLAA and NA. For days and times, see our website under "Connect."

Announcements

Worship Bags for Children & Preschoolers...

...are available to pick up in the narthex every Sunday before worship.

Guests: we have a bag for your child, too!

"First Sunday" Potluck Today

As is our happy custom on Communion Sundays, after worship today we share a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. **Guests, you are welcome to join us!**

New Sunday Morning Class on Judaism Begins Next Sunday

Reconnecting with Our Spiritual Roots

Jan. 13 Reconnecting with our Heritage: The Basics of Judaism

Jan. 20 Reconnecting with our Scriptural Roots: A Jewish Understanding of Scripture

Jan. 27 Connecting with a Rabbi: Guest Speaker, Rabbi Marc Gopin

Feb. 3 Reconnecting God's Family: Building Relationships between Jews and Christians

Classes begin at 9:30 each Sunday in the Library, taught by FBC member Charlie Reynolds, US Army Chaplain (Ret.)

Sunday Morning Young Adult Group – Join Us!

During the months of January and February, the young adult group will discuss and explore the minor prophets of the Hebrew Bible. Sundays at 9:45am in the Dawson Room (room 103/105, near the O Street entrance).

Contact Pastor Alyssa for more information: aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org.

WINTER FORUM

Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton

SAT & SUN FEB 9-10



Dr. Brad Braxton is Our Guest Speaker at Winter Forum 2019 Saturday and Sunday, February 9-10

Saturday: Visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture with orientation lecture by Dr. Braxton. Lunch on your own at the museum. (We've invited members of Nineteenth Street to join us as our guests.)

Sunday: Dr. Braxton lectures during the Bible study hour and preaches in worship. Stay tuned for more information including how to RSVP for Saturday's museum visit, as there will be a limited number of spots available.

Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton is Director of the Center for the Study of African American Religious Life (CSAARL) and the Supervisory Curator of Religion at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Lenten Pilgrimage to the U.S.-Mexico Border – March 10-14

Join Pastor Julie, Pastor Alyssa and Reverend Jeana Martin, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Harlingen, TX, on a pilgrimage to the U.S.-Mexico border during the first week of Lent, March 10-14, 2019. The pilgrimage will reflect a contemplative posture, leaving space throughout the three days to listen to the Spirit as we try to be fully present with God and with all whom we meet—immigrants and refugees, religious and social services personnel, clergy, border patrol agents, etc. If you sense God leading you to participate, please let Pastor Julie know. (*See more info in the January newsletter, available on our website.*)

Flowers for the Sanctuary . . .

. . . may be ordered now for Sundays in 2019. Contact Shirley McBeath or sign the Flower Calendar outside of the Church Office (2nd floor of Educational Building). Cost is \$70; you can take the flowers home after worship or allow the Deacons to share them.

Garage Parking on Sunday

On Sundays you may access our garage through the breezeway, mid-way on O Street. Once inside the garage you may access our building through doors on the first two levels. Just press the button and our security-concierge will buzz you in. Valet service provided by Unipark.

Copies of the full weekly prayer concerns list are available in the Narthex and in the staff office welcome area on the 2nd floor

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