



# First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E

January 14, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Epiphany

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation Nenette Measels

Prelude *Compassion Hymn* arr. Barker

Call to Worship Psalm 104:1, 24, 28, 31, 33 Nenette Measels and People

Leader: O my soul, bless our God, who holds great wonders for us!

**All: Bountiful and wise are the works of our Creator! Full is the earth of God's creations!**

Leader: Your hands are open, Holy One, filling us with good and wonderful life.

**All: We rejoice in your works, God of glory! Your love endures forever in this creation.  
As long as we live, sing, sing to our God, Source of everlasting blessings!\*\***

\*Hymn of Praise *God of Grace* Fosdick/Haines/Beck/CWM RHONDDA

## Verse 1 (ALL)

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your power;  
Crown Your ancient church's story  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, give us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

## Verse 2 (ENSEMBLE)

Though corruption may surround us  
Mocking God's most gracious ways;  
Heal the wounds that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, give us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

## Verse 3 (ALL)

Cure Your children's warring madness  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our stubborn, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.

Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, give us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

**Verse 4 (ALL)**

Set our feet on lofty places,  
Stir our hearts that we may be  
Ever seeking Christlike graces  
Ever closer Lord to You.  
Grant us wisdom, give us courage  
That we fail not man nor You,  
That we fail not man nor You.

**Verse 5 (ALL)**

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, give us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

(Children meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

Annette Stooksbury

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Formation 280

*Speak, O Lord*

SPEAK, O LORD

Prayer of Confession

Major Treadway and People

**People: Lord, I surrender my life—**

Leader: all of it, even aspects of which I am unaware—into your hands. I relinquish each of my own plans and hopes in favor of trusting you. Show me the ways in which you would have me walk, and I will make the journey. Do with me what you will.

**People: Lord, I surrender our congregation—**

Leader: its past, present, and future—into your hands. I relinquish each of my own plans and hopes for our congregation in favor of trusting you. Show us the ways in which you would have us walk together. Grant us wisdom and strength enough to make the journey. Do with your church what you will.

**All: Hear my prayer, Lord, spoken this day as a follower of Jesus, who prayed, “Not my will but yours be done.” In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.**

Prayer Response of the People 385

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

WHELPTON

Hear our prayer O Lord

Hear our prayer O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy peace

Offertory Prayer

Ken Morton

Offertory

*I Surrender All*

arr. Root

Sermon Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Clark Measels

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

*A Place of Beginning Again*

McDonald

Caroline Simpson, solo; Worship Ensemble

Oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.

There is a place of purity; a place of love’s tranquility;

It is a place for beginning, a new place to start;

A place that begins in the heart.

There is a place of beginning again where the Spirit of God blows free.  
It begins in the heart where the soul gets its start with visions on glory to be.

There is a place of beginning again!  
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me

There is a place of hope and peace;  
a place where love will never cease  
offering hope for the helpless and heaven's reward;  
the strength and the power of the Lord!

There is a place of beginning again where the Spirit of God blows free.  
It begins in the heart where the soul gets its start with visions of glory to be.

There is a place of beginning again!  
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.  
It begins in the heart!

Sermon ***How We Listen*** Major Treadway

\*Hymn of Calling 484 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us* ANGEL'S STORY

Preparing to Depart *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Broughton  
(Please remain seated and reflect on our worship together.)

\*Departing 514 *Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him* HOLY MANNA

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life,  
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.  
Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

\*Benediction Major Treadway

\*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service. CCLI #120972

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**Deacons & Minister of the Week:** Peggy Dalton and Karen Smith / Nenetta Measels

## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### **Monday, January 15—Church Office Closed**

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### **Tuesday, January 16**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, January 17**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### **Thursday, January 18**

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson City

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, January 19—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, January 21**

9:30am Bible Study Classes for All Ages/Various Rooms

10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary

10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and Youtube

10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119, 1st-5th grade Room 218

5:00pm Church Ministries Night/FH

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, January 22**

5:00pm Genealogy Society Meeting/FH

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

### **Tuesday, January 23**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

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**Welcome to First Baptist Church! Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, "Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ".**

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## CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant

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