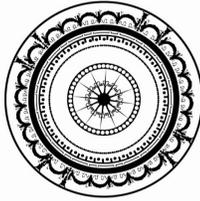


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

10:30am

Organ Voluntary

Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: God, you have made yourself known,
but in a most amazing way,
coming in weakness, in a tiny baby;
you covered your glory and hid your greatness.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you!

Leader: God, you have made yourself known,
but in a most amazing way,
in a poor stable no one else wanted;
you hid your wealth and infinite riches.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you!

Leader: God, you have made yourself known,
but in a most amazing way,
born to humble working people, hidden in a simple life,
and yet announced in the stars of heaven and visited by kings.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you!

*Processional Hymn 150: *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible, OT, p.535) Minerva Fox

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Emily Hull McGee

Leader: In the light of Christ,
we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**People: Merciful God,
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we see the security of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the good news:
Christ is the light of the world,
who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Response: *Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come* M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Arise, shine, your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord is with you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.1) Max Mir

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer David Williamson

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.**

*Hymn 151: *We Three Kings*..... KINGS OF ORIENT

Communion Homily: "Signs of Departure" Emily Hull McGee

The Celebration of Communion

*Hymn of Response 96: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

*All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church
welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to
join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front
of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

*Offertory Prayer Chris Gambill

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr. H. Simeone

Sanctuary Choir

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see? 'Way up in the
sky, little lamb. A star dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite." Said the
little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the
sky, shepherd boy. A song high above the tree with a voice as big as the sea."
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know? In your
palace warm mighty king. A Child shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver
and gold." Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say: Pray
for peace, people everywhere! The Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us
goodness and light!"

Litany of Commissioning Emily Hull McGee

Gayle Edwards, Minerva Fox, Lee Anne Stiffler

Leader: Friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we com-
mission this team for ministry. We celebrate your service in the Dominican Republic
as an extension of the ministry of this congregation, and pledge our support and pray-
ers that your ministry may be effective.

Mission Team: Lord, renew us as we give ourselves in the service of others. Let us be your hands and feet as we share your generous love with those you have called by name, who are precious in your sight.

Leader: We have heard your commitment and we thank God for your desire to serve. Through the calling of God's Spirit and the commissioning of the church, the servants of Christ are scattered throughout the world to share the unconditional love of God. Congregation, let us pray for them as they live out the mission of Jesus.

Congregation: Lord, bless these who go out from here to share in your great Work of Love in the Dominican Republic. Prosper the work of their hands. Bless those who receive the fruits of their labor, and may these who are sent receive blessing in return. May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people.

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise God, O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE SET FOR JANUARY 9

As we begin a new year here at First on Fifth, we will gather for our first "First Fellowship" meal on January 9. This hot meal provides great fellowship time around the table and draws a large crowd from many walks of life in which to enjoy it. Our Wednesday, January 9, First Fellowship Meal will begin at 5:45 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Our Quarterly Church Conference will follow dinner. In addition to regular business items, the Quarterly Church Conference will have two additional items for consideration: **modification to the by-laws regarding Deacons (detailed below)** and **the Finance Committee will be making a recommendation to secure a line of credit with First Citizens Bank to help fund the Boundless Home Capital Campaign which will require church approval.**

Among the items of regular business is the request for ordination by Kaylee Godfrey, member and former pastoral intern at FBC, to be ordained to the gospel ministry. The diaconate approved this request during a unanimous vote in their November meeting, thus the request now comes to the church for congregational approval. Should the church approve this request, an Ordination Council filled with members from FBC, seminary professors, fellow ministers, and colleagues, will gather with Kaylee for further examination this spring. Should the Ordination Council approve Kaylee's ordination, a service of ordination will take place at First Baptist in April 2019.

The membership will be asked to approve changes to **Article VIII - Deacons** of the Church Bylaws at the Quarterly Church Conference to be held during the Quarterly Church Conference on January 9, 2019. The recommended changes are as the result of a review by a committee of Deacons during the past year and have been subsequently approved by the Deacons and the Policy committee. Below is a summary of the changes:

Section 5. Officers and Annual Meeting of Deacons. This amendment moves the annual meeting of the Deacons from the first meeting of the calendar year to November of the preceding year. It has been the practice of the Deacons to hold the annual meeting in November for several years in order to elect new Deacon officers with time to prepare for the upcoming year. This amendment conforms the practice with the bylaw language.

Section 6. Regular and Special Meetings. Language was deleted that designated the first meeting of the calendar year as the annual meeting in view of the amendment to Section 5 above.

Section 12. Vacancy: This amendment adds language to fill a Deacon vacancy by a life deacon in addition to filling the vacancy from the most recent unelected nominees for Deacon.

Section 13. Life Deacons. The amendment removes unnecessary language, i.e., "This section shall apply prospectively from the date of adoption," which had been added at the time of the original Bylaw adoption but is no longer needed.

SUNDAY, January 6

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Youth Team Meeting (A-L Commons)

TUESDAY, January 8

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
10:00 am Homebound Care Cards (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, January 9

4:30 pm Youth Handbells (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Children's (3rd-5th) Handbells (Music Suite)
5:00 pm Pre-K Music & Missions (Children's Loft)
5:00 pm School-Age Music & Missions (Music Suite)
5:30 pm Children (K-5), youth & parents meeting (Choir Room)
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference (Kelly Auditorium)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 10

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, January 13

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week Chris Gambill, Minerva Fox
Nursery: Babies-Ones Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreK Meredith Parker

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

**BIBLE STUDIES IN THE NEW YEAR
DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS
IN THE COMMONS**

*Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am
Ammons-Lolley Commons
Beginning January 8*

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David resumes January 8. We will begin the semester with a study of How to Pray, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

**'COMMON TABLE' WINTER BIBLE
STUDY WITH PASTOR EMILY**

*Wednesdays, 12:00-1:15 pm,
Ammons-Lolley Commons
January 16 - February 27*

This winter, all are invited to take their lunch hour, bring a lunch and a healthy measure of curiosity, and share together in fellowship and Bible study with Pastor Emily and one another as we delve into the prophet Micah and his writings in scripture. Gatherings will occur in the Ammons-Lolley Commons on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:15pm. Around our common table, we'll share in conversation about the particular scripture for the day, walking through a passage verse by verse with attention given to its historical context, textual translation, theological significance, and meaning for our lives.

For our winter study, our Common Table Bible Study will focus on the Old Testament prophet Micah, one who spoke words of judgment and words of promise to reveal God's justice for the world. These ancient words hold contemporary meaning for our church, as we seek to live as a community of bold love and boundless compassion right in the heart of the city. Each week, we'll read a chapter of Micah together, wondering how a deeper understanding of scripture will impact our own prophetic imagination as individuals and a community. Come and join us!

CARE NOTES MINISTRY

January 8 - 10:00-11:30 am

The Homebound Team is sponsoring a "Care Time" session on Tuesday, January 8, from 10:00-11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. We will write notes of encouragement to our homebound members and to those on the prayer list. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Feel free to bring your own cards, notes, and artistic creations, or use our cards. Prayer lists and homebound lists will be available.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFFERING
ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

We continue to be encouraged by your abundant support of our Capital Campaign! If you would like information on other giving options and/or want to request offering envelopes to use for your campaign gifts, please call the Finance Office - ext 103. On any Capital Campaign gift, please be sure to note that it is for the "Boundless Home campaign" so it is properly allocated.

**NURTURING FAITH
SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE**

Starting in the new year, we will no longer be providing members with individual subscriptions of "Nurturing Faith" mailed to their home each month. However, we will order more copies for the church and have them available in the Ammons-Lolley Commons for you to pick up if you would like. If you would like to purchase your own subscription to Nurturing Faith you can do so at <https://www.nurturingfaith.net/subscribe/>.

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Our vision

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to practice bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people

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