



**FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 10:30 AM

As you enter for worship, all are encouraged to greet one another and enjoy fellowship with those around you. As the prelude begins, we'll shift into a brief time of quiet reflection, where God uses the stillness of the moment to quiet our souls for what will continue to emerge during our community's worship of the living, loving God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Livre de Noël, Op.60, Offertoire sur deux Noël* A. Guilmant
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP Isabelle Yates

Leader: For this new day, and the possibilities it holds,

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

Leader: For this new month, and the gift of winter's vulnerable exposure,

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

Leader: For this new year and new decade, and all that will unfold within,

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

Leader: For the One who became hope, peace, joy, and love that we might know God more fully,

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

All: Let us worship the God of new life and light for all the world!

***HYMN 126: *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amy McClure

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) Mary Kaylor

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT, p.1) Matt Steen

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *Winter Rose* J. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above, God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep. The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume. And in the bleak mid-winter the Rose began to bloom. O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nikki Byers

Leader: The Gospel of John tells us the basis for our judgment is this:
"The light came into the world,
and people loved darkness more than the light."
Let us confess our sins to God,
to whom we have access through faith in Christ.
Let us come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit,
but according to God's grace.

People: **God of mercy,
we confess that we have loved darkness more than light;
remaining passive while others are oppressed;
guarding our own prosperity at the expense of the poor;
and ignoring the cries of those in need of help.
Forgive us we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world
more than loving the light of your righteousness.
Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us.
Strengthen our faithfulness to you
and to all who are precious in your sight.
We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Nikki Byers

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us.
For that very reason God sent the Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
We declare the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free
to live a new life in him.**

***HYMN 145: *Star-Child* STAR-CHILD**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Brent Greene

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.

SERMON: "Global Good: For the Sake of the Dark" Emily Hull McGee

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 143: Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT**

*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 Nancy Baxley**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: Gesù Bambino P. Yon

Sally Mir, Soprano

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child,
the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds
sang, the grateful earth rejoiced. And at His blessed birth, the stars their exultation
voiced. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore
Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that
gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim
His name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came that we with
Him might dwell. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let
us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

***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: Noels pour orgue, IV. En duo, sur les jeux d'anches L. Vierne

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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The acolyte for this service is Kara Parker

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At the conclusion of the worship service today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Missions Fund. This fund is primarily used to meet immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Missions Fund.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
12:00 pm Personnel Committee Retreat
(*Conference Room*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00 am Homebound Care Cards
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

2:30 pm Singing Seniors (*offsite*)
6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
11:30 am Children & Youth Ice Skating (*offsite*)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Nancy Baxley, Florence Wiley
Nursery Babies-Ones: Anna Harris
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Tina Magee

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1st floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.

Samaritan Ministries: Coffee, canned goods
Crisis Control: Beef stew

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org.
Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

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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