



First Baptist Church

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

Even the smallest person can change the world.
Even the least among us can be a light that banishes darkness.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

Then Sings My Soul

arr. Lanier

Julia Bass, flute; Angie France, piano

Call to Worship

Bethany Davenport and People

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the skies.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your justice like the great deep.**

Earth's children take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
We feast on the abundance of Your house;
You give us drink from Your river of delights.

For with You is the fountain of life;

In Your light we see light.

Glory be to You, O God, our life and our light!**

Let us worship the Lord together.

*Hymn of Epiphany 155

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

SIYAHAMBA

Cary Bible, cajon

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

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
 He drew me up from the desolate pit,
 out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.
 He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.
 Many will see and fear,
 and put their trust in the Lord.
 Happy are those who make
 the Lord their trust,
 who do not turn to the proud,
 to those who go astray after false gods.
 You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
 your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
 none can compare with you.
 Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
 they would be more than can be counted.
 I delight to do your will, O my God;
 your law is within my heart.”
 Do not, O Lord, withhold
 your mercy from me;
 let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
 keep me safe forever.

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

Musical Offering

Reckless Love

Asbury

Cameron Rowlett, vocal/acoustic guitar; Cary Bible, cajon;
 Brendan Dunn, electric guitar; Melanie Simpson, piano

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me.
 You have been so, so good to me.
 Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
 You have been so, so kind to me.

Chorus

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
 Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
 I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
 Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
 When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me.
 You have been so, so good to me.
 When I felt no worth You paid it all for me.
 You have been so, so kind to me.

(repeat Chorus)

There's no shadow You won't light up;
mountain You won't climb up coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down;
lie You won't tear down coming after me. (repeat 3x)
(repeat Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Prayer Response Hymn 243 (verse 1)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

MORECAMBE

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

Kristi Sanford

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

***Hymn of Testimony 581**

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Offertory Prayer

Kevin Davenport

***Response of Thanksgiving**

Doxology

Laney/OLD 100TH

O Light of lights to you we sing!
With seeking Magi, gifts we bring
in thanks for Love among us come,
enfleshed, a child, beloved One!***

Musical Offering

Is He Worthy?

arr. Sorenson

Rachel Bass, soprano; Worship Ensemble

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord
to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root

and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy

of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah,

hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root

and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy

of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is!

Sermon

Whose Lamb Is It Anyway?

Jennifer Brown

Time of Reflection and Response

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Brahman

***Hymn of Calling 473**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGGROVE

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

We welcome as guest minister today, Rev. Jennifer Brown,
Associate Pastor of Senior Adults, First Baptist Church,
Wilmington, NC.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, January 18

12:00pm Church Ministries Mtg./Fellowship Hall
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, January 19

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, January 20

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, January 21

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301
4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Soup)/
Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103
6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Ste.
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, January 22

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, January 23 - Church Office Closed

Readings for today:	Readings for next week:
Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalms 40:1-11	Psalms 27:1,4-9
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23

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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.”

CHURCH STAFF

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Deacons & Minister of the Week: January 18- January 24

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We are glad that you are here!

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.