

Oh, can you hear the angels' song
 that rang so sweet and clear,
 when heaven's light and music fell
 and mercy found us here?
 "Glory in the highest
 And on the earth be peace.
 Glory to God!" the angels sing.
 He came to tell the Father's love,
 His goodness and His grace;
 To show the brightness of His smile,
 The glory of His face.
 "Glory in the highest
 And on the earth be peace.
 Glory to God!" Your children sing. [repeat Chorus]
 He came to lift the weary ones,
 give peace and perfect rest;
 to take away our burdens
 and to give a glorious Gift.
 So, "Glory in the highest,
 and on the earth be peace.
 Glory to God!" the world will sing.
 His Name shall be Jesus! Jesus!

***Hymn of Christmastide 124**

The First Nowell

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 72:1-7 (CEB) Xander Coyne

God, give your judgments to the king.
 Give your righteousness to the king's son.
 Let him judge your people with righteousness
 and your poor ones with justice.
 Let the mountains bring peace to the people;
 let the hills bring righteousness.
 Let the king bring justice to people who are poor;
 let him save the children of those who are needy,
 but let him crush oppressors!
 Let the king live as long as the sun,
 as long as the moon,
 generation to generation.

Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass,
 like showers that water the earth.
 Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives,
 and let peace prosper until the moon is no more.

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

Pastoral Prayer Major Treadway

Prayer Response Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old (verse 1) DIX

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Ellie Coyne

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

***Hymn of Epiphany 151**

We Three Kings

NIX

Offertory Prayer

Jill Massie-Braun

Offertory

Follow the Brightest Star

Paxton

***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!***

Sermon

Frightening Power

Major Treadway

Musical Offering

A Communion Invitation

Martin/Courtney

Worship Ensemble

Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.
 All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
 Enter with My blessing, no-one is denied.
 Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.
 Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
 If you hunger, take this bread,
 sit with Me and dine.
 Every weary traveler, every troubled soul,
 rest for just a moment
 and leave the table whole.
 The feast I spread before you,
 the cup that we will share,
 the bread we'll break together,
 I've lovingly prepared.

Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
 If you hunger, take this bread,
 sit with Me and dine.

Every weary traveler, every troubled soul,
 rest for just a moment
 and leave the table whole.

Communion

Time of Reflection and Response

We Three Kings

Sorenson

***Hymn of Unity and Service 467**

We Are One in Christ

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***Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, January 4

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, January 5

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, January 6

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, January 7

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken)/
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 8

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, January 9 —Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, January 11, 2025:
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

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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.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmastide—Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 2026

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

A New Year Dawns

Turner

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock

We meet here today
To declare the praiseworthy acts of the living God,
For God has come among us
Not through an angel or a messenger
But face to face, as a person,
With an abundance of steadfast love.
Welcome, then, in the name of Jesus Christ,
Mary's child, healer and teacher,
Savior and Friend.**

Musical Call to Worship

His Name Shall Be

arr.Smith

Worship Ensemble

Cary Bible, guitar; Ian Braun, percussion

Chorus

Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace, for all eternity;
oh, His name shall be.