



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 28, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Epiphany

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation Chad Hartsock

Prelude arr. Court
Holy, Holy, Holy
Adrian Peña, violin; Angie France, piano

Call to Worship Angie France
Psalm 111:1-2, 9-10

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is the work of the Lord and the Lord's righteousness endures forever. God sent redemption to God's people; the Lord has commanded the covenant of the Lord forever. Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

*Hymn of Praise 325 GREAT IS THE LORD
Great Is the Lord

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

Prayer of the People Mel Hawkins

Musical Offering arr. Hoelscher
Oh, How Good It Is
Adrian Peña, violin; Worship Ensemble; Melanie Simpson, piano

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love,
are the fruit of His presence here among us.

CHORUS

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come;
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn;
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging. [Repeat Chorus]

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love
of the Son, with the Father and the Spirit. [Repeat Chorus]

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Ken Schetter

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Offertory Prayer

Susan Garber

Offertory

Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)
Adrian Pena, violin; Angie France, organ

arr. Keveren

DEACON ORDINATION

Introduction of Deacons to be Ordained

Pam Hester

Testimony by Deacons to be Ordained

Angie France, Susan Garber, Mel Hawkins

Installation of Deacons and Congregational Charge

Jim Wilson and Pam Hester

To the Congregation

- Leader: In the presence of God, we solemnly recognize the crucial role of deacons.
- Congregation: Based upon God's Word, the deacon is not ruler but servant.**
- Leader: The deacon is to assist in responding to spiritual and temporal needs.
- Congregation: We charge our deacons with the responsibility of assisting our ministers in shepherding the flock.**

To the Deacons

- Leader: You have been entrusted with a sacred task. Do you now accept the challenge of caring for God's people in this community of believers?
- Deacons: We will care for God's people at First Baptist Church.**
- Leader: Do you promise to give your best efforts to fulfilling the responsibilities of your office?
- Deacons: We will fulfill the responsibilities of a deacon.**
- Leader: Do you covenant to pray for the members of this congregation regularly and to follow the Holy Spirit in seeking to lead the members of this church toward Christian maturity?
- Deacons: We will pray and we will follow the Spirit's lead. We will pray that we grow in grace.**

To the Congregation

- Leader: In placing this mantle of responsibility and trust upon these servants, you commit to support them in their ministry. Do you accept the challenge?
- Congregation: We will support our deacons. And we will grow in grace with them.**
- All: Recognizing that we are one body in Christ and having promised mutual support before our God, let us serve one another in faith, hope, and love. Let us grow in grace and knowledge as we glorify our Lord.**

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| Laying on of Hands | | Candidates and People |
| Presentation of Ordination Certificates | | Jim Wilson |
| Charge to the Deacons | <i>What We Have Done
and What We Have Left Undone</i> | Major Treadway |
| *Hymn of Commitment and Service 289 | <i>The Servant Song</i> | GILLARD |
| *Benediction | | Major Treadway |
| *If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service. | | CCLI #120972 |

THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Monday, January 29

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, January 30

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, January 31

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, February 1

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

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 2—Church Office Closed

Sunday, February 4

9:30am Bible Study Classes for All Ages/Variou 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 Youth Gathering/214

Monday, February 5

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, February 6

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

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".

CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant

Angie France, Organist

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Interim Minister for Students

Ricke Hester, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenette Measels, Interim Minister of Music

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

Deacons & Minister of the Week:

Leon Shoemaker & Jim Wilson / Chad Hartsock

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