



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Epiphany

January 5, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

arr. Leavitt/Balcombe

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 *Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Hayes
Worship Ensemble

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would give sight to the blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy
has walked where angels trod?

And when you kiss your little baby
you've kissed the face of God?

Oh, Mary did you know?

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The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
the dead will live again.

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak,
the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy
is heaven's perfect Lamb?

And the sleeping Child you're holding
is the great "I AM!"

Mary, did you know?

*Hymn of Christmastide 124

The First Nowell

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

Responsive Scripture Reading

Peggy Dalton and People

Psalm 147:12-20

Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gate

he blesses your children within you

He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs—

who can stand before his cold?

**He sends out his word and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

**He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.**

Praise the Lord!

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)

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Robert Burts

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.

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*Hymn of Epiphany 151

We Three Kings

KING OF ORIENT

Offertory Prayer

Ray Dalton

Offertory *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

Carmichael

***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

Going Home

Major Treadway

Communion

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

The First Noel

arr. Koerts

***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

Communion and Children

There are many perspectives on when it is appropriate for children to begin taking communion. Sometimes, in Baptist churches, a child's first communion is connected to their baptism. At First Baptist, each family may decide when children should begin receiving communion. However, please know that children whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons. To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread. This option will provide children who do not receive Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me." Our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, January 5

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, January 6

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, January 7

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Office

Wednesday, January 8

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

5:00pm WNS (Chicken)/Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 218

6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Ste.

6:45pm Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste.

Thursday, January 9

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, January 10—Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 11

1:00pm Memorial service for Maurine Hansen/
Sanctuary; Reception to follow/Fellowship
Hall

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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.