

The Worship of God

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

Pre-Service **Barbara Jacobs**

Welcome **Carly Harper**

Welcome to all who are gathered for worship today at FBC Fitzgerald. We seek to be an inclusive fellowship offering a place to grow, to serve, and to experience the unconditional love of God. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card found on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

The Life of the Church

Please read the announcements found in the worship bulletin and participate wherever you are able.

Responsive Call to Worship **Psalms 29.1-4, 11**

One: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
All: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.
One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters.
All The God of glory thunders.
One: The voice of the LORD is powerful.
All: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
One: May the LORD give strength to his people!
All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!
One: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
All: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Choral Call to Worship **Sanctuary Choir**
Baptized in Water **Saward/Gaelic Melody**

Hymn for the New Year 567 **AURELIA**
Another Year Is Dawning

Prayers of the People **Peggy Clemons**

A Moment with Our Children

The Welcome of Children **Congregation**
Jesus Loves Me **Warner/Bradbury**

*Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.*

The Children's Lesson **Greg Pope**
(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)

Song of Blessing for our Children **Congregation**
God Be with You Here **Kyle D. Matthews**

*God be with you here! God be with you there! (repeat)
God's love will always hold you tight, even when you're out of sight!*

The Epistle Reading **Guy Selph**
Acts 10.34-43
Reader: The gift of Holy Scripture
People: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Christ's Baptism 320 **MARYTON**
Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

The Gospel Reading **Greg Pope**
Matthew 3.13-17
Reader: The Gospel of our Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Message in Music **Sanctuary Choir**
Who At My Door is Standing? **English Folk Song**

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.'

Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin; How shameful, how unworthy For Christ to enter in. Yet, the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.'

*Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling; 'Now open the door for me!' Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me.
Dear Lord, abide with me!*

Instrumental Special Music **Susan Spivey**

Sermon **Greg Pope**
Your New Name

Silent Reflection

Will you listen as God renames you?

Affirmation of Faith **Congregation**

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to follow Jesus, crucified and risen, our Savior and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

Invitation to Discipleship and Community

If you are feeling led to publicly profess your faith in Christ as Savior and Lord or to join your life with this community of faith, you are invited to come forward during the hymn of response and share that decision with the pastor. If you have any questions about membership, you are welcome to speak with the pastor at any time. For all worshipers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

Hymn of Response 342 **WOODWORTH**
Just As I Am

The Invitation to Give of Ourselves and Our Gifts

As you leave the sanctuary you are invited to place your offering in the offering plates located in the narthex. Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks. If you are in need of personal offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Benediction **Greg Pope**

Postlude **Susan Spivey**
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**Our Service of Worship has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service is Beginning.**

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Davis and Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Wiggins by Donald & Brenda Wiggins and family.

Epiphany Worship

Jan 15 The Third Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42
Sermon: *Come and See: Invitation to Jesus*

Jan 22 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1,4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23
Sermon: *Come and Follow: An Invitation to Discipleship*

(On the narthex table you can find a Bible reading guide that will help you connect your personal devotional life with our congregational worship.)

Wednesday Vespers

6:00 PM in Burch Hall

A Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Maximum Impact Love Boxes

We will begin taking orders and money in January.
All money and orders are to be received by January 18.
Distribution Day is Saturday, January 28 at 8:30am (FBC gym).

Children's Ministry

Children's Events

Sunday School (10:00am)
Children's Choir (5:30pm Wednesdays)
(Children's Choir Room above the Breezeway)
Mission Friends, GAs & RAs (6:00pm Wednesdays)

Youth Ministry

Youth Events

Sunday School (10:00am Youth Room)
Wednesday Night Live (6:00pm Youth Room)

Music Ministry

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

Jan 15 (9:15am) Adult handbell Rehearsal
Jan 22 (9:15am) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
We want to grow the choir so all youth and adults are invited to join us! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Blane.

RA RACING NIGHT

A Congregational Party!

Wednesday February 8, 2023

FBC Gymnasium

This is one awesome night!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 EPIPHANY 2/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
1:30 PM.....Deacon's Meeting (Mann Hall)
4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 Daily Scripture: Isaiah 42.1-9. Psalm 29

4:15.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 Daily Scripture: Acts 10.34-43. Psalm 29

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 Daily Scripture: Matthew 3.13-17. Psalm 29

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*
6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*
6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 Daily Scripture: Isaiah 49.1-7. Psalm 40.1-11

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9. Psalm 40.1-11

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 Daily Scripture: John 1.29-42. Psalm 40.1-11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 EPIPHANY 3

9:15 AM.....Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
4:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 Daily Scripture: Isaiah 49.1-7. Psalm 40.1-11

4:15.....Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9. Psalm 40.1-11

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 Daily Scripture: John 1.29-42. Psalm 40.1-11 LOL FOOD BOX ORDERS AND MONEY IS DUE

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir*
6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs*
6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)*
6:00 PM.....Adult Vespers (Burch Hall)*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 Daily Scripture: Isaiah 9.1-4. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 Daily Scripture: Matthew 4.12-23. Psalm 27.1, 4-9

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January 8, 2023

11 O'clock in the Morning



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