

The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

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.

Choral Introit **Sanctuary Choir**

We've Seen a Rose

Kyle D. Matthews

We've seen a rose, one of a kind, it blossoms once, the rarest find, but you have blessed our mortal eyes to see it blooming in our time.

Our grief is matched by gratitude that nothing loved is lost to you. And we return your gift to us with heart-felt thanks and all our love!

(The white rose on the communion table is in memory of Sarah J. Garrison)

Call to Worship **Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger.

You who have been my help, O God of my salvation!

God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent.
he will set me high on a rock.

I will offer sacrifices in his tent with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hymn for Worship 8 **LOBE DEN HERREN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayers of the People **David Herlovich**

A Moment with Our Children

The Welcome of Children

Jesus Loves Me

Congregation

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

(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)

Greg Pope

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

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: The Gift of Holy Scripture

All: **Thanks be to God**

Bob Mutchler

Hymn 470

Footsteps of Jesus

Slade/Everett

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Greg Pope

Message in Music

Who Will Go for Me?

Sanctuary Choir

Larson/McGuire

Who will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way? Who will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day? All around are captive hearts that yearn to be free. God is calling His children, who will go for me? I will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way. I will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day. There are those who do not know God's holy Word is true. I can hear you calling, Lord and I will go for You. Who will share God's love at home or in a foreign land? Who will share His hope with those who need a helping hand? Who will share the joyful news with those who need to know? Jesus died for the world! My children who will go? I will share God's love at home or in a foreign land. I will share His hope with those who need a helping hand. Jesus lives! Proclaim the news so all the world may know. I can hear You calling. Lord, I can hear you calling and I will gladly go. If by a still, small voice God calls to path that I do not know, I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Yours, I'll go where You want me to go. Lord, I can hear You calling, and I will go for You.

Instrumental Special Music

Susan Spivey

Sermon

Come and Follow: An Invitation to Adventure

Greg Pope

Silent Reflection

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 worshippers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

Hymn of Response

KELVINGROVE

Will You Come and Follow Me?

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

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

**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 Lucille Walker Vann, Mike & Vicky Walker, Phil Walker and Jack Walker by Eddie & Kendra Walker and family.

Epiphany Worship

- Jan 29 The Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon: *Blessed Are Those*
- Feb 5 The Sixth Sunday in Epiphany
Isaiah 58.1-12, Psalm 112.1-10,
1 Corinthians 2.1-16, Matthew 5.13-20
Sermon: *What Might God Want Most From Us?*
The Celebration of Holy Communion

Wednesday Vespers

6:00 PM in Burch Hall

Bible Study Through Paul's Letter to the Philippians
"Joy Beyond the Walls of the World" (January-May)
This week: Philippians 1.12-18

Maximum Impact Love Boxes

Distribution Day is Saturday, January 28.

Volunteers from our church unloading the truck are needed at our gym starting 7:00 that morning, and volunteers packing boxes will begin at 8:30. Box pick-up time is 10:00.

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 Events

- Sunday School (10:00am Youth Room)
- Wednesday Night Live (6:00pm Youth Room)
- Sign up now for summer youth camp and youth Sunday.

Music Ministry

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

- Jan 29 (9:15am) Adult handbell Rehearsal
- February 5 (9:15am) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**RA RACING NIGHT
A Congregational Party!
Wednesday February 8, 2023
6:00pm (FBC Gymnasium)
This is one awesome night!**

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 23	
Daily Scripture: <i>Isaiah 9.1-4. Psalm 27.1, 4-9</i>	
4:15.....	Staff Meeting
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24	
Daily Scripture: <i>1 Corinthians 1.10-18. Psalm 27.1, 4-9</i>	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25	
Daily Scripture: <i>Matthew 4.12-23. Psalm 27.1, 4-9</i>	
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 26	
Daily Scripture: <i>Micah 6.1-8. Psalm 15</i>	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27	
Daily Scripture: <i>1 Corinthians 1.18-31. Psalm 15</i>	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28	
Daily Scripture:	
7:00 AM-11:00 AM.....	Love Box Distribution Day (FBC Gym)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29	
EPIPHANY 5	
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 30	
Daily Scripture: <i>Micah 6.1-8. Psalm 15</i>	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31	
Daily Scripture: <i>1 Corinthians 1.18-31. Psalm 15</i>	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1	
Daily Scripture: <i>Matthew 5.1-12. Psalm 15</i>	
12:00 PM.....	Prayer Garden Meeting (Burch Hall)
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)*

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| Ministers | All Members |
| Pastor | Rev. Greg Pope |
| Minister of Music & Youth | Rev. Blane Jacobs |
| Director of Children's Activities | Ms. Carly Harper |
| Organist | Ms. Barbara Jacobs |
| Pianist | Ms. Susan Spivey |
| Custodian | Mr. Jeffrey Morgan |
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**The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
January 22, 2023
11 O'clock in the Morning**



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community seeking to extend the open
hand of God's grace to meet physical
and spiritual needs through worship,
education, ministry, fellowship,
and spiritual nurturing.*