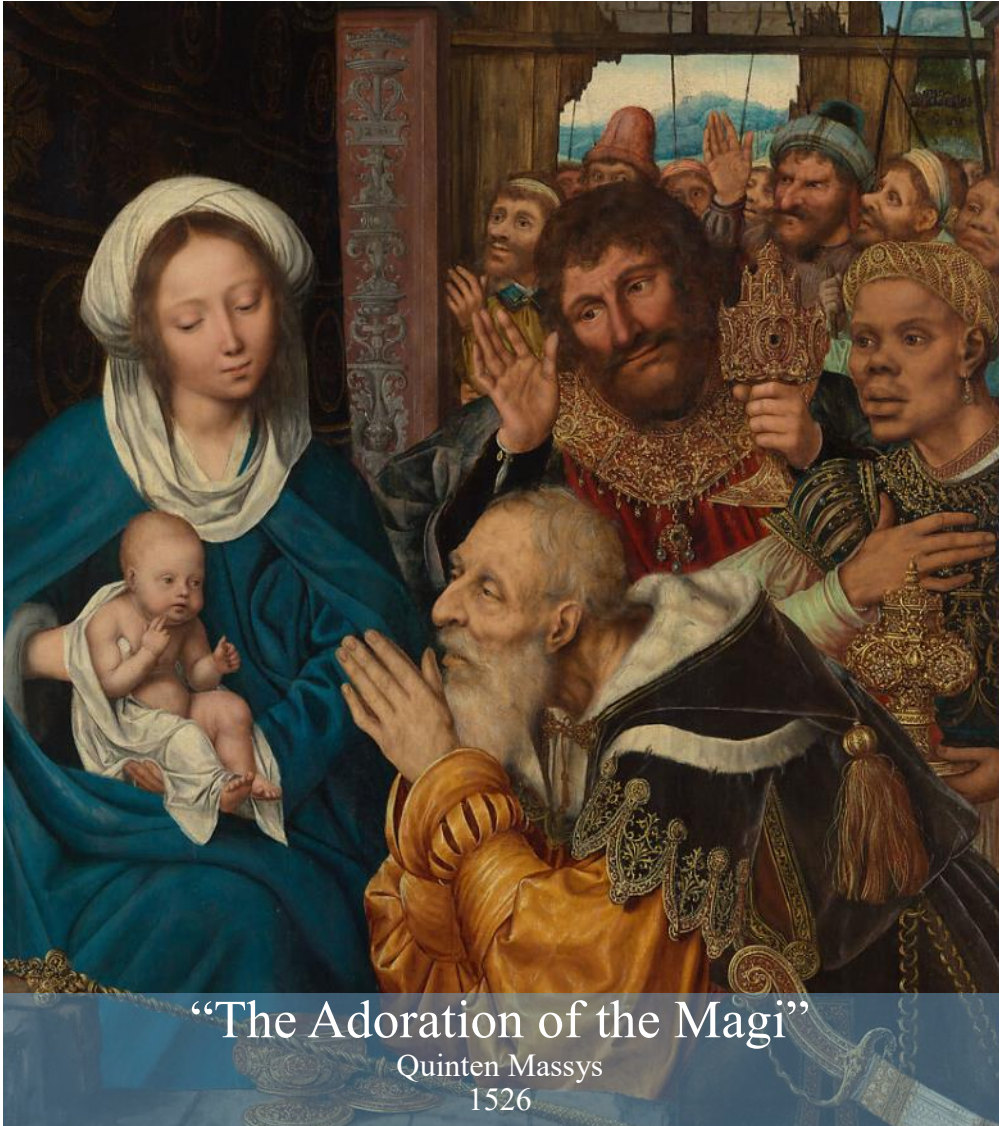




First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

January 5, 2025



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**The Worship of God
January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday
Deacon Installation and Ordination
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: "We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with [God]. [God] walks everywhere incognito." —C. S. Lewis

Prelude Chorale Fantasia on "How Bright Appears the Morning Star," BuxWV 223
Music by D. Buxtehude Will Thomas Cleveland

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Cali Weaver

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "God's Love Made Visible" Chancel Choir

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God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!
Christ is invincible! His love shall reign!
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
Make death surmountable! His love shall reign!
Joyfully pray for peace and good will! All of our yearning He will fulfill.
Live in a loving way! Praise Him for everyday!
Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!

*Hymn of Celebration 151 "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT

Invocation and Welcome Anna Burch

*Those who are able, please stand.

Deacon Installation and Ordination

Pastor: Andy, this church has prayerfully asked you to serve once more in the sacred role of deacon. Because the term “deacon” comes from the Greek word meaning “servant” or “dirty feet people,” we believe deacons are responsible first for serving the body of First Baptist, sharing the gospel, offering care and support, fostering fellowship, and providing Christian leadership to help the church fulfill its mission. Andy, as a deacon of First Baptist Church, will you continue to faithfully invest in the life and ministry of this, your church? Will you be fully present in your leadership responsibilities? Will you seek to align your heart with God’s will, praying, “God, who do you want me to be?” Will you give of yourself in service, working to advance God’s kingdom in our church and community, praying, “God, what do you want me to do?”

Andy Westbrook: I will.

Pastor: Stephen, Hillary, Bob, Kirsten, and Jeff, you have been called by this church and by God to a new ministry of service, the role of deacon. In addition to the ways in which deacons have already been described, deacons are also to hold on to the mystery of the faith and lead a life of impeccable character. You are to fulfill your leadership role as a deacon with the heart of a servant, serving others with joy and striving to put the desires of others first.

Therefore, Stephen, Hillary, Bob, Kirsten, and Jeff, as a Deacon of First Baptist Church, will you continue to faithfully invest in the life and ministry of this, your church? Will you be fully present in your leadership responsibilities? Will you seek to align your heart with God’s will, praying, “God, who do you want me to be?” Will you give of yourself in service, working to advance God’s kingdom in our church and community, praying, “God, what do you want me to do?” Will you give of yourself in these ways of service?

Deacons being ordained: I will.

Ordination Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Congregation

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 147:12-20

Rudy MacKenzie Dunlap

(Pew Bible, OT, page 545)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*Offertory Hymn 150

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

Offertory Prayer

George Coleman

Offertory Meditation

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Will Thomas Cleveland

Music by Robert J. Powell

*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

E Minor: Em D G D B⁷ Em Am/C



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

B Em D G D B⁷



here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

Em Am B Em Bm G



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is

D B⁷ Em Am/C B



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D B⁷ Em Am B Em (or E Major)



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The white rose on the Communion table is in remembrance of Jean Stroud.

Gentle Rose of Beauty

The "Rose" Song

Keith Jameson

Sweetly ♩ = 70

Piano

Gen - tle rose of beau - ty,
Gen - tle soul of beau - ty,

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Gen - tle rose of sub - tle per - fumed air. bloom of God's cre - a - tion,
Gen - tle soul of faith and dig - ni - ty. Soul of God's cre - a - tion,

7

pet - als kissed by dew, re - mind - ing all God cares for me and you. Gen - tle rose of
safe - ly in Your hand, Let them rest in Thy e - ter - nal land. Gen - tle soul of

10

hea - ven, here to give us joy and won - der, beau - ty, grace, and love.
hea - ven, Thank God for your life well - lived, your faith, and joy, and love.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

David Jennings

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy
The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading: John 1: (1-9), 10-18
(Pew Bible, NT, page 79)

John Uldrick

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Work of Christmas”

Chancel Choir

Text by Howard Thurman from *A Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*

Music by Dan Forrest

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When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the pris'ner,
To rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers,
To make music, make music, make music from the heart.
When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.

Homily

“If God Is with Us...”

John Uldrick

*Hymn of Commitment 164

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

John Uldrick

Congregational Response: And also with you.

Choral Response

“God Gave the Son to Us”

Chancel Choir

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God gave the Son to us to dwell as one of us—
A blessing unto us! His love shall reign!
To Him all honor bring, heaven and earth will sing,
Praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!
Open all doors this day of His birth, all of good will inherit the earth.
His star will always be guiding humanity
Throughout eternity! His love shall reign!

Postlude

Fugue from “How Bright Appears the Morning Star,” BuxWV 223

Music by D. Buxtehude

Will Thomas Cleveland

Ministry Plan Update (as of December 29)

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$988,409.40
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$890,506.05
2024 Deficit:	\$ 97,903.35

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 5

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship—Deacon Installation and Ordination
- 3:00 pm Committee Orientation
- 4:00 pm Removing and storing Advent decorations
- 5:00 pm Youth *Sunday Night Live* (hosted by the Turners, 107 Parkwood Rd.)

Monday, January 6

- 11:00 am Alma Johnson Circle
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle

Wednesday, January 8

- Noon Deadline January 8 meal reservations
- 5:30 pm *Bright Beginnings* Preschool Music Activities, *Music Makers* Children's Choir, *Young Musicians* Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal
Adult Menu: pork loin with rosemary, hash brown casserole, green beans, vegetable soup, cornbread muffins, tossed salad, pecan pie, pumpkin pie, and ice cream
Kid's Menu: Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs (children), Holy Ground (youth) Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 9

- 6:45 am Chokhmah Men's group
- 10:00 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

Monday, January 13

- 6:00 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

Tuesday, January 14

- Noon *Young at Heart*
- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir

Committee Orientation—Today at 3:00 pm

Much of the ministry of First Baptist Church is done through committees. In fact, First Baptist Church has thirteen Standing Committees designed to work with mission partners, welcome visitors and new members, visit and write cards to those who can no longer attend worship, prepare meals for church functions, as well as work with children and youth, oversee personnel, finances, and property.

Each January, time is set aside for Committee Orientation. This year Committee Orientation is *today at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall*. Everyone serving on a committee in 2025 is asked to gather for a brief orientation before meeting with members of your respective committees. Following a brief orientation in the Fellowship Hall, committee members are asked to hold their the first meeting of the year. Regular meeting dates and times will be set during this meeting.

Members from all committees, not just the Worship Committee, are asked to stay after their meetings to assist the Worship Committee in removing the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary. The more the merrier!

**CONGREGATIONAL
CONVERSATION**
**BREAKFAST & CONVERSATION BEFORE
WORSHIP ON JANUARY 26**

**JOIN US FOR THE
FIRST OF SEVERAL
DREAMING
CONVERSATIONS!**

8:30 - BREAKFAST
**9:00 - CONVERSATION
BEGINS**
10:30 - BREAK
11:00 - WORSHIP

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Email Address _____

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apply to you.

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- I am a friend or family of
a member at FBC.
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