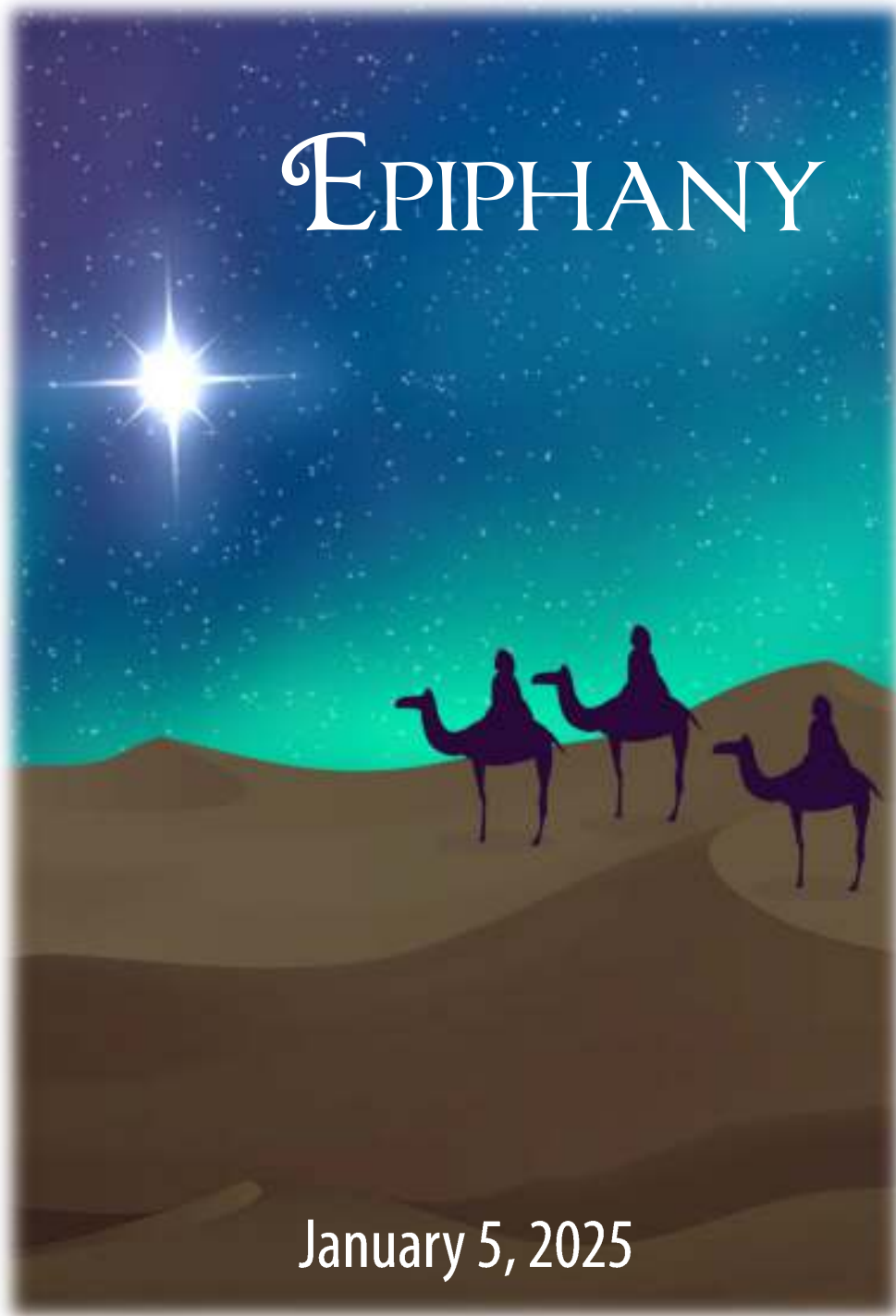


First Baptist Church

EPIPHANY

January 5, 2025



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

But for you who honor Me, goodness will shine on you like the sun, with healing in its rays. And you will jump around and frolic like well-fed calves.

Malachi 4:2 NCV

Prelude

We Three Kings

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Responsive Call to Worship

Congregation

Leader: Oh Come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done.

People: The Magi, who studied the heavens, followed a guiding star!

Leader: Oh Come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done.

People: The People who live in darkness have seen a great light!

Leader: Oh Come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done.

People: The Christ, Who embodies the Word, unveils God's plan for humanity, making us the joint heirs of His promise of salvation through the newborn King.

All: OH COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD FOR GOD HAS DONE WONDROUS THINGS! AMEN.

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Prayer of Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Carol of Praise, No. 117

Congregation

As With Gladness Men of Old
We . . . have come to worship Him. Matthew 2:2 NIV

Responsive Reading

John 1:1-5, 10-14; 3:16

Mr. Haywood Corbett

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

People: All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Leader: In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

People: **And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.**

Leader: He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

People: **He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.**

Leader: But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

People: **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

Leader: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

All: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Mrs. Kate C. Lee

(A prophecy of Gentiles honoring the Lord)

Offertory Carol, No. 113

Congregation

We Three Kings of Orient Are

When Jesus was born . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Matthew 2:1 KJV

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Lauren Cole

Offertory

Star Medley

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

Arr. Marilyn Ham

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Mr. John Sauls

(The humble and exalted Christ)

Worship through Song

The Chancel Choir

Were You there on that Christmas Night

Prayer for Illumination

Mrs. Slomanski

Responsive Gospel Reading, No. 680 *(from the hymnal)* Congregation
The Coming of the Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-2, 7-9, 11

Sermon Rev. Dr. Slomanski
“Being a Christmas Presence . . . All Through the Year”

Carol of Invitation, No. 118 Congregation
What Child Is this
They spread the word . . . about this child, and all . . . were amazed. Luke 2:17-18 NIV

Benediction Dr. Hillman

Postlude Mrs. Pat Slomanski
And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed G. F. Handel
(from MESSIAH)

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 5
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 8
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 12, 19, 26
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

5:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 22
6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Meal
Quarterly Church Conference

Deacons of the Week

1/05 Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley
1/12 Donna Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte
1/19 Gina Morningstar / Brownie Cook
1/26 Leigh Cook / Mel Ray



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