First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

January 15, 2023

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Second Sunday After the Epiphany January 15, 2023

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Please stand as you are able.

Greeting Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude Mrs. Patricia Slomanski

Invocation

* Hymn of Praise, No. 79

FOREST GREEN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Prayer Litany Dr. Brown

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, coming in weakness, in a tiny baby; you covered your glory and hid

your greatness.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way,

in a dirty poor stable no one else wanted; you hid your wealth and

infinite riches.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way,

born to humble working people, hidden in a simple life, and yet announced in the stars of heaven and visited by kings.

People: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you. Amen

* Offertory Hymn, No. 124

WHO IS HE

Who Is He in Yonder Stall

* Offertory Prayer Mrs. Jan Hinson

Offertory Mrs. Slomanski

* Offertory Response

Doxology

OLD 100TH (altered)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We invite children to come forward for the Children's Sermon at the conclusion of the Doxology. Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

Pastoral Prayer Worship Through Song

Dr. Brown Chancel Choir MORA PROCTOR

We Would See Jesus; Lo! His Star

We would see Jesus; lo his star is shining Above the stable while the angels sing; There in a manger on the hay reclining; Haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.

We would see Jesus; Mary's Son most holy, Light of the village life from day to day; Shining revealed thro' ev'ry task most lowly; The Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.

We would see Jesus; on the mountain teaching With all the list'ning people gathered round; While birds and flow'rs and sky above are preaching The blessedness which simple trust has found.

We would see Jesus; in the early morning, Still as of old he calleth "Follow me"; Let us arise, all meaner service scorning; Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:19-52

Dr. Brown

Sermon

Are We Growing as Jesus Grew?

Dr. Brown

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 296

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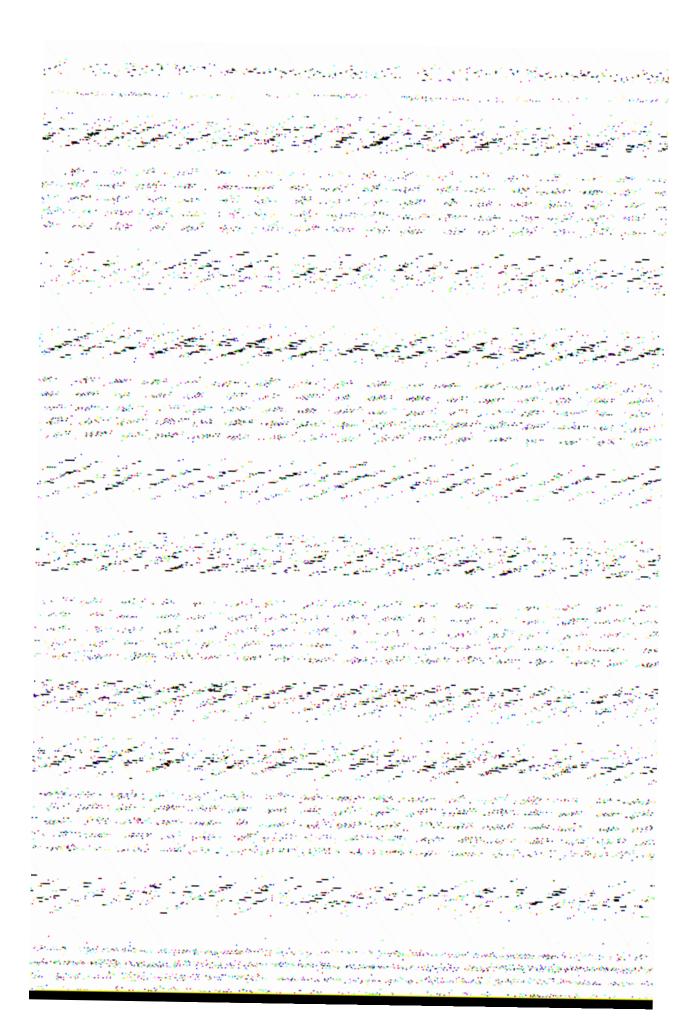
Jesus Is Lord of All

* Benediction Dr. Brown

* **Postlude** Mrs. Slomanski

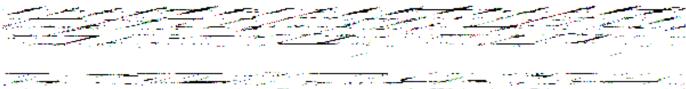


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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, January 15 Sunday School Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Monday, January 16 Finance Meeting Martin Luther King Community Service at Columbus Regional Healthcare
4:00 p.m.	Children's Music Activity
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, January 17 Deacons' Meeting
5:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 18 Wednesday Night Supper Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Thursday, January 19 Bible Study RightNow Media Deadline to contact the church office
9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, January 22 Sunday School Morning Worship
4:00 p.m.	Monday, January 23 Children's Music Activity
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 25 Quarterly Church Conference
6:00 p.m.	Thursday, January 26 Bible Study
9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, January 29 Sunday School Baptist Men's Sunday during morning worship
4:00 p.m.	Monday, January 30 Children's Music Activity
1/08 1/15 1/22 1/29	<u>Deacons of the Week</u> Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters Stephen Prince / Betty Jo Prevatte Kate C. Lee / Ron Walters Janice Young / Mel Ray



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Dr. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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