

# First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

January 15, 2017

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven O'clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Ryan Clore

**Meditation**

Let us praise the Lord.  
He steadied our steps and established our goings.  
Let us speak of God's faithfulness, And sing of God's Salvation!

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

Mr. Jim Council  
Herbert Sumsion

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 40:1-3

Rev. Clore

**Invocation**

Rev. Clore

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 589**

LYONS

*Ye Servants of God*

**Children's Sermon**

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

**Responsive Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-6

Congregation

**Leader:** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb  
He named me.

**People:** He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid me;  
He made me a polished arrow, in His quiver He hid me away.

**Leader:** And He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

**People:** And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be His servant,  
to bring Jacob back to Him, and that Israel might be gathered to Him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—

**Leader:** He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up  
the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

**All:** I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to  
the end of the earth."

Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
* Offertory Hymn, No. 61		BRADBURY
	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	
* Offertory Prayer		Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte
Offertory		Mr. Jim Council Darwin Wolford
	<i>The Faithful Shepherd</i>	
* Offertory Response, No. 253		OLD 100TH (altered)
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>	
	(Children may leave for children's church)	
Worship Through Song		The Chancel Choir Joyce Elaine Eilers
	<i>Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts</i>	
The Gospel Reading	John 1:29-42	Rev. Clore
Sermon	Respecting John, Following Jesus	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 305		ASSAM
	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	
* Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response		The Chancel Choir Danette S.T. Kong
	<i>Departing Prayer</i>	
* Postlude		Mr. Council John Leavitt
	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old</i>	



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By Kirby and Tricia Sanderson

**Sunday, January 15**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Church Council
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

**Monday, January 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Knit Wits ( Knitting Ministry)

**Tuesday, January 17**

- 7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

**Wednesday, January 18**

- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Deacons of the Week**

Emory Worley / Merle Worley



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