

Today's Worship

The Season of Epiphany, from the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, meaning an appearance or manifestation, stresses the various ways in which Jesus Christ has made God manifest through his mighty deeds and words. The season begins on January 6, the Epiphany of the Lord, which completes the twelve days of Christmas, and commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The season continues with a recital of the signs and teachings of Jesus, ending with the Transfiguration of the Lord, in which Christ's Sonship is reaffirmed.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY

- 7 Jennifer Hall, Janet Knox, Ben Wyszynski
- 8 Dot Crawford, Duane Edington, James Edwards, Grant Major
- 9 Janice Busbee, Natalie Holt, Ashley Luton, Jack Luton, Lisi Tibrea, David Steele, Abbey Watson
- 10 Marian Bell, Katie Clamp
- 11 Karen Edington, Denise Griffin, Denise McGee, Diane Willis
- 12 Amelia Beck, Bruce Nation, David Turner
- 13 Duncan Courtney

Today

- 5:00 *jubilate!* Winter Retreat rehearsal
- 5:50 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:10 *jubilate!* Winter Retreat rehearsal (continued)

MINISTERS

The members of Aiken's First Baptist Church and

Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.
Pastor

Vicky R. McCullough
Director of Children's Ministries

Debbie M. Sessions
Coordinator of Discipleship Development

Kathy K. Samaha
Preschool Director

Elise D. Faulkner
Director of Food Services

Leonard V. Redd
Director of Facilities Operations

Danny L. Garnett
Clinical Director,
Community Counseling Center

James E. Bennett, Jr.
Associate Minister in Music and Worship

Megan T. Doud
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

Sarah E. Laurence
Student Ministries Intern

Makenzye D. Barfield
Communications Manager

Nancy B. Wagner
Financial Secretary

Joyce M. English
Church Organist

To Our Guests:

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in this community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 12. Audio (CD) and video (DVD) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

Worship Notes:

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CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 07, 2018

The Lord's Day

Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command through worshiping, nurturing, ministering, and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Preparation for Worship

Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.

The Meditation

Epiphany [ih-pif-uh-nee], *n.* pl. **-nies**. **1.** a Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth-day. **2.** an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity. **3.** a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.

The Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hopson

Chiming of the Hour

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND WITH US SING ALLELUIA!

An Affirmation of Our Faith

Dr. Andrea

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Invocation and Lord's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

†Hymn of Praise 307 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THOU BURNING SUN WITH GOLDEN BEAMS

The Expression of Fellowship and Passing the Peace Deacon Clifton Alsbrooks

Passing the Friendship Register

A Song of Fellowship *In This Place*¹ Medema

In this place among these people God is worshiped, God is praised.

We have seen the signs and wonders;

the lost are found here, the dead are raised.

We are living the Gospel story; lives are changed and mountains moved.

Won't you come and work among us? You are welcomed, you are loved.

The Old Testament Lesson Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible Page 1 (OT)

THOU SILVER MOON WITH SOFTER GLEAM,

The Call to Prayer The Rev. Doud

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Prayer of Intercession and Pastoral Prayer

O PRAISE HIM, ALLELUIA!

†Offertory Hymn 665 *Because I Have Been Given Much* SEMINARY

The Offertory Prayer
Pray for Jade and Shelah Acker who minister to refugees from South Sudan in Uganda.

The Offertory *Love Comes From God* Pote
Sanctuary Choir

†*The Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LET ALL THINGS THEIR CREATOR BLESS

The Epistle Lesson Romans 10: 9-13
Pew Bible Page 164 (NT) Mr. Timmy Reid

The Children's Message Mrs. McCullough
All children are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins. Four- and five-year olds will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.

AND WORSHIP HIM IN HUMBLENESS

The Gospel Lesson John 3:16
Pew Bible Page 96 (NT)

The Message *That I Might Live*

The Invitation to the Table

This is the Table of Christ. All who seek to be in fellowship with him and with each other are invited and welcome. All of our Communion bread is gluten-free.

The Celebration of Communion

Sharing the Bread

The Anthem *O Taste and See* Wagner

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed are they who put their trust in Him.

There is one body. There is one spirit. There is one whose grace fills ev'ry need and purpose, embracing great and small. So let us love each other well, as God loved us when He gave the perfect love, His Son, our Lord, that all our souls might be saved.

Sharing the Cup

O PRAISE HIM! ALLELULIA!

Commitment Hymn 467 *We Are One in Christ* THAXTED

Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our Pastor will greet and receive you.

Acknowledgment of New Members

*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response² SIM

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,

live simply, don't carry much more than you need:

Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,

stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.

The Postlude *Lift High the Cross* Burkhardt

*Those who are able, please stand.

†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.

Children's Worship Packets

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Aiken's First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God's grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won't you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Residence: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Age Group: 13-19 20-29 30-39
 40-49 50-59 60+

Children:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church