



Epiphany is the celebration of God’s manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God’s promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the Magi came from the East to worship the Christ child, and as God’s covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the Good News of Christ Jesus. This season of new discovery and understanding is highlighted in Jesus’s baptism through the day of his transfiguration. New understanding abounds with our Lord who is alive within us all even today.

**If you would like to know more** about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Thomas Quisenberry in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

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**Congratulations** to Jeff Parker, Minister of Music and Worship, who commemorated his 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us on January 1; to Frances Marandi, Music Administrative Assistant, who celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary as part of our office staff last December 3, and to Daryll Miller, who joined us as organist last year on Epiphany Sunday, January 5. We are deeply grateful for their ministry and service among us.

**Undeck the Halls! January 7 (evening) & January 8 (office hours)**  
On Wednesday, January 7, we’ll share a meal (provided by the church) at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall and begin work (until 7:30PM) taking down and packing up all the holiday decorations. We’ll also be cleaning out classrooms and other spaces as we begin the new year with a clean slate. Work will continue on Thursday, January 8, during office hours to get everything finished. Join us any of these times!

**Friday, January 16 thru Sunday, January 18, Winter Youth Summit (WYS)**  
At WYS 2026, our youth will investigate what it means to be friends of Jesus, to be truly KNOWN by God, and to be embraced in God’s love. We’ll have fun, fellowship, and worship together when we gather at First Baptist Church Huntsville. Contact Lizzie (lizzie@fbcchattanooga.org/423-648-2542).

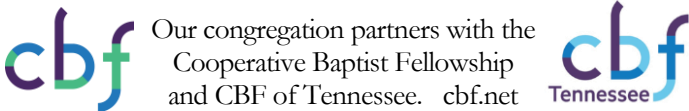
**Mark Your Calendar!**  
Sunday, January 11, Committee Chairs: Calendaring Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, House & Grounds Committee  
Tuesday, January 20, Deacon Council Meeting



With this QR code, you can donate to our budget, pay for event tickets, give to a mission opportunity, and more. Please contact the church office with any questions.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

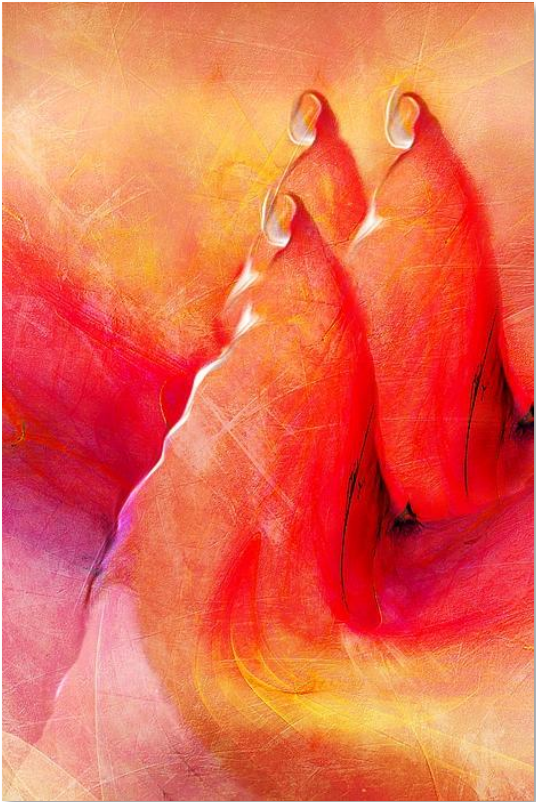
- Sunday, January 4, Epiphany Sunday**  
9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite  
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby  
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins  
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary  
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary  
5:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, January 6**  
10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- Wednesday, January 7**  
11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation  
5:30PM Undeck the Halls – Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, January 8**  
8:30AM Undeck the Halls  
2:00AM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area
- Friday, January 9**  
8:30AM Habitat for Humanity Workday – Off Campus
- Sunday, January 11**  
9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite  
9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby  
10:30AM Library Open until Worship Begins  
10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary  
11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary  
12:00PM Committee Chairs Meeting – Conference Room  
4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200  
5:30PM Youth Supper – Youth Area  
6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area  
6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite



**Worship Leaders**

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry-----Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Parker -----Minister of Music and Worship  
Rev. Kelly Kunf -----Interim Minister of Youth and Children  
Ms. Megan Long-----Intern, Youth and Children  
Dr. Darryl Miller-----Organist  
Ms. Jenny Parker -----Pianist

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
January 4, 2026

# The Worship of God

# Epiphany Sunday

## GATHERING

Songs of Community *The Weaver Family*

Chiming of the Trinity

Greeting *Thomas Quisenberry*

People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!  
**The light of Christ has come into the world.**  
**Emmanuel. God with us.**

When we are in the presence of Emmanuel,  
may our knees bend in worship.  
**May our mouths open in generous praise;**  
**may our hands open in generous sharing.**

Prelude *Prelude on a Chant for Epiphany* Duruflé

## Approach

\* Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*  
(stanza 1, refrain; stanzas 2-4, refrain; stanza 5, refrain)  
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

\*Prayer of Adoration *Thomas Quisenberry*

Children’s Time *Kelly Kunf*

Reading from the Prophets *Rose Thomas*  
*Isaiah 60:1-6* (NRSV)  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Commitment *Rose Thomas*  
God of all time,  
**we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world**  
**with the glorious light of your presence:**  
a light which made your love for the world visible  
in the babe born in Bethlehem;  
a light which guided those gift-bearing travellers from afar  
to find and worship the Christ-child;  
**a light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.**  
We dedicate our worship and our service,  
**for they arise from hearts and minds**  
**in awe of the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.**  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

Anthem K. Marroli

*Light of the World*  
Chancel Choir

Light of the world you loose the bonds of night.  
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.  
Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.  
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.  
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love. Teach us how to follow!

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.  
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.  
Christ, in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call;  
Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!  
Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one. We will always follow!

## Proclamation

Gospel Reading *Thomas Quisenberry*  
*Matthew 2:1-12* (NRSV)  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message *Thomas Quisenberry*  
*I Can See Clearly*

## Response

\*Hymn 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* Puer Nobis Nascitur

Prayers of the Community *Jeff Parker*

Preparation for Giving *Emily Martin*  
So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant and king to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
“Haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.”

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Southern Harmony, arr. S. Kirchner

*Brightest and Best*  
Mark Vogel, Vic Oakes, Jeff Parker, Ned Vogel  
Hail the bless’d morn, see the great Mediator  
down from the regions of glory descend!  
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger,  
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,*  
*dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.*  
*Star in the East, the horizon adorning,*  
*guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*  
Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.  
Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,  
odors of Edom and off’rings divine,  
gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

\*Dedication of Gifts *OLD 100<sup>th</sup>*  
**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace;**  
**praise God for gifts of joy and love.**  
**Praise God for sending Christ to dwell**  
**on earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving *Emily Martin*

\*Work of the Church *Thomas Quisenberry*

\*Words of Blessing

\*Charge

\*Response *traditional*  
**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;**  
**go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Postlude *Festive-Gloria* A. Miller

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able. *OL#728820-A*