



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' 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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#### **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. We'll also spend some time at the Space and Rocket Center on our way home. Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel, make new friends, and dig deeper into their relationships with God.

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Tuesday, January 20, Deacon Council Meeting

**Looking for artwork?** As groups in our building have combined, cleaned out, and redecorated over the last several years, we have collected many pieces of framed artwork. If you or your class is missing a favorite picture, please check the collection in E216. Feel free to take pieces that have special appeal. While you're there, you may take one of our old hymnals, too.

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

##### **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

##### **Tuesday, January 13**

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211

##### **Wednesday, January 14**

- 5:30PM Fellowship Time (BYOF) – Fellowship Hall
- 6:15PM Preschool Music/Missions – E107
- 6:15PM Children's Choir – E111
- 6:15PM Youth Gathering – Youth Area
- 6:15PM Epiphanies (study/discussion/action group) – E217
- 6:15PM Midweek Study (Pastor led) – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00PM Gym Time (school-age kids/youth)
- 7:15PM House & Grounds Cmte – Conference Room

##### **Friday, January 16**

- 4:00PM Winter Youth Summit, Leave for Huntsville

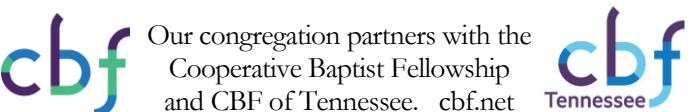
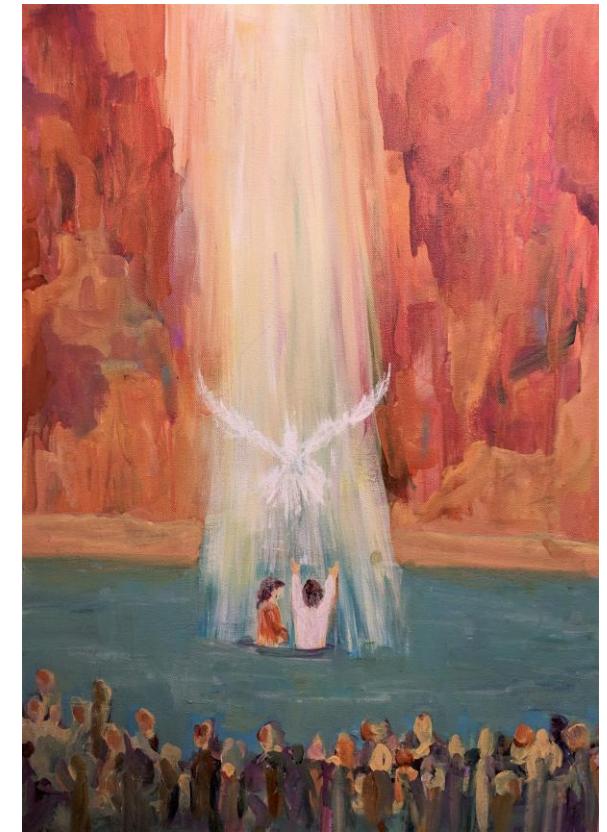
##### **Saturday, January 17**

- Winter Youth Summit – Huntsville

##### **Sunday, January 18**

- 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 – Choir Suite
- 6:00PM Return from Winter Youth Summit

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#### **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 11, 2026

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*John Steele & Friends*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
(Hymn 462)

arr. E. Diemer

GREETING

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.  
**Jesus emerges from the water.**  
And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.  
**“This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”**  
Jesus is named. Claimed.

**We come to this place remembering our emergence from the water.**  
What a thing to be named; to be claimed!  
**Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

## APPROACH

\*HYMN 482

*Baptized in Water*

(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

*Jim Boles*

*Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Jim Boles*

We cry in the wilderness.

**The land we walk is rugged and rough.**

**We find no straight highways, only deep valleys and high mountains.**

Jesus, a light for us and for all nations,  
come to us with your power and might.

**Open our blinded eyes, break us out from the things that imprison,  
grasp us by the hand and bring us out of darkness to life.**

\*HYMN 834

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

*Light Everlasting*  
Chancel Choir

O. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,  
illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee.  
May we from thy spirit receive inspiration  
that brethren together thy wisdom may see.  
Make known to all nations! Thy peace and salvation!  
And help us, O Father, thy temple to be.  
O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,  
illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee.

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Voices from Above*

*Thomas Quisenberry*

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN 297

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

ST. DENIO

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Thomas Quisenberry*

PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Andy Schwall*

In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously,  
to bless your church, your people, your creation.

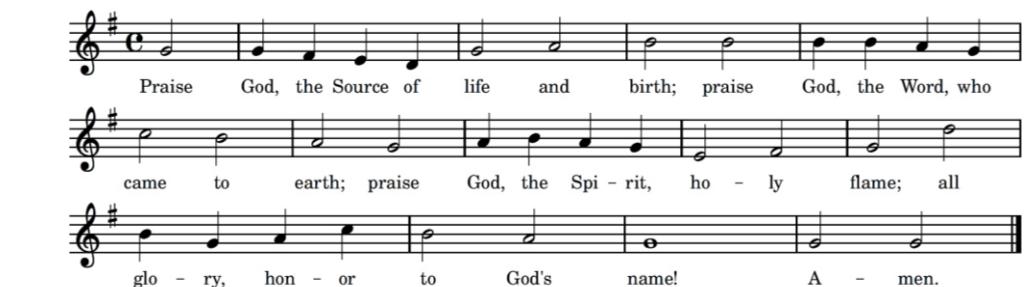
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
(Hymn 667)

arr. V. Labenske

## \*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>



\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Andy Schwall*

\*WORK OF THE CHURCH

*Thomas Quisenberry*

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

(Hymn 192)

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

POSTLUDE

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

(Hymn 130)

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able.

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