



The weeks following Epiphany – a season of revelation – begin on the day of Epiphany (January 6) and end on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026). This season provides for us the continuing revelation of God in Jesus. During this time, our services focus on what God is doing through Christ and what Christ reveals about God. We devote special attention to key incidents in the life of Jesus, including his baptism and miracles, and concluding with his transfiguration. As you worship with us, our prayer is that you experience Christ incarnate in new and life-changing ways.

**The floral arrangement** is given in celebration of Rusty Rouse's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday today by his wife Susan.

**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 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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**Cool Kids Collective** (grades 3-5) is meeting on Sunday, January 25, from 12:30-2:30PM for an afternoon of BOARD GAMES. We will meet in E109, the new Children's Hangout Room. Lunch is hot dogs, Tater Tots, and dessert. Then we'll play some fun board games together and have a small devotional. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Kunf (561.252.2969 or kelly@fbcchattanooga.org).

**You are invited to the Churchwide Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 8**, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be watching the game on a big screen there. We'll have tables and chairs set up, but you are welcome to bring outdoor chairs or blankets to lounge on. **Your entry ticket is a canned food item** that will be donated to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. **Also, please bring a heavy appetizer, finger foods, snacks, or dessert to share.** Drinks, paper products, and serving utensils are provided.

**Join us for GriefShare, a grief support group**, as you experience the loss of a loved one through death. This program consists of 11 weekly sessions beginning Tuesday, March 10, from 6:00-8:00PM. The sessions are accompanied by small group discussions led by trained facilitators, along with a workbook, *From Mourning to Joy* (\$20). The only fee is the cost of the workbook. For additional information, please contact Jim Schwall (423.280.7998). To register, go to [www.fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare](http://www.fbcchattanooga.org/griefshare).

**Lunch & Learn** has resumed gathering on Tuesdays at 11:00AM to watch and discuss video clips of the thirteen apostles in the series *The Chosen: Seasons Two and Three*. Feel free to bring your own lunch to eat at the tables as we talk. For those who cannot get away from work or other commitments for the full time, feel free to watch the episode at home and join us about noon for the time of conversation. We'd love to have you join us.

**cbf** Our congregation partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF of Tennessee. [cbf.net](http://cbf.net)



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 18

- 9:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 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

### Tuesday, January 20

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – E211
- 11:00AM Lunch & Learn – Youth Area
- 5:30PM Deacon Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00PM Tuesday Book Group – Off Campus
- 7:15PM Children's Leadership Committee (via Teams)

### Wednesday, January 21

- 11:00AM FBC Serves at the CHATT Foundation
- 11:00AM First Friends Council Meeting – Conference Room
- 5:30PM Parents of Children Meeting – E109
- 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)

### Thursday, January 22

- 2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

### Sunday, January 25

- 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
- 12:30PM Cool Kids Collective – E109
- 4:30PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – FH200
- 5:30PM Youth Supper/Parent Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00PM Youth Bible Study – Youth Area
- 6:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Suite

### For schedule changes due to inclement weather:

- check social media  
[www.facebook.com/fbcchattanooga](http://www.facebook.com/fbcchattanooga)  
Instagram: @fbcchattanooga
- check for an email from church

## 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 18, 2026

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# A SEASON OF GROWTH

## GATHERING

SONGS OF COMMUNITY

*Cheryl McAfee with John Steele*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

Into this world we are born,  
**into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.**

Into this day we awake,  
**into possibility and the unknown.**

Into this church we are welcomed,  
**into God's grace and God's truth.**  
So let us worship our God this day,  
**we who are called and loved.**

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
(Hymn 2)

arr. D. Hustad

## APPROACH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Thomas Quisenberry*

\*HYMN 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

(All children are invited to come forward during the final stanza.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

*John Echols*

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

*Verbie Prevost*

*Isaiah 49:1-7 (NRSV)*

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

ANTHEM

*Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come*  
Chancel Choir

S. Burtonwood

Arise, shine, for thy light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
And gross darkness the people.

But the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
And his glory shall be seen upon thee.

## PREPARATION FOR GIVING

*Lynne Mayfield*

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.

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*Verbie Prevost*

In this Epiphany season, we are still the people walking.  
We are still in the dark, and the darkness looms large around us,  
overcome as we are by fear, anxiety, violence, anger, loss.

We are – we could be – people of your light.  
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence and grace:  
**as we exhaust our capacity to cope;**  
**as we succumb to our weariness;**  
**as we long to know and trust and respond in your truth.**

May we have energy, courage, and freedom  
to live in your light through the demands of this day and coming week.

**We commit this day and our lives to you  
with deep joy and high hope. Amen.**

\*HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

## PROCLAMATION

### GOSPEL READING

*John 1:35-42 (NRSV)*

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

### MESSAGE

*Speaking of Truth*

*Thomas Quisenberry*

\*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Jeff Parker*

## RESPONSE

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

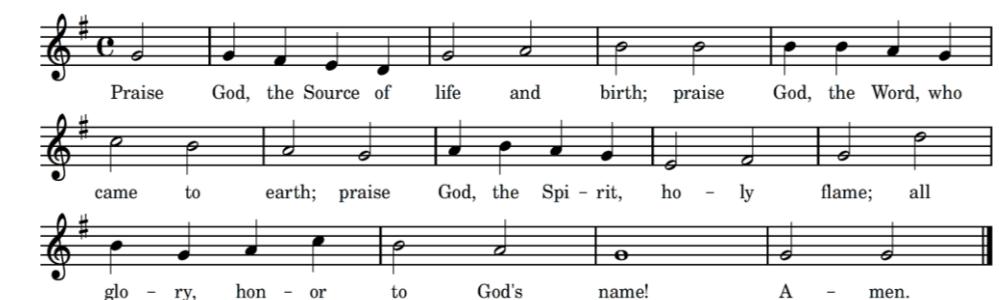
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*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(Hymn 377)

## \*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

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## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Lynne Mayfield*

## \*WORK OF THE CHURCH

*Thomas Quisenberry*

## \*WORDS OF BLESSING

*Thomas Quisenberry*

## \*CHARGE

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

J.S. Bach

*Prelude in B-flat Major*

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.

\*Please stand, if able.

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