



First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Sunday, January 15, 2023

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Jake McCord

Opening the Bible Katherine Wall

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism Rev. Sherouse, Rev. Chris Cherry

Ellis Moody
Patrick Whitehead

†Responsive Reading Terri Vancil

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

**He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.**

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people
upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

—Isaiah 42.1-9

†Hymn 190

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Words of Friendship Rev. Cherry

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Cherry

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

—Acts 10.34-43

†Hymn 734

“Christ High-Ascended” CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Gospel Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran
Matthew 3.13-17

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 758

“Baptized in Water” BUNESSAN

Stewardship Prayer Marie Delgado, deacon

Choral Offering, Sanctuary Choir, Lorie Rainey vocal soloist

“If I Can Help Somebody” setting by Andre Thomas

*If I can help somebody as I pass along; if I can cheer somebody with a word or song;
if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong; then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought; if I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought;
if I can spread Love’s message that the master taught; then my living will not be in vain.*

Words and Music by Alma Bazel Androzzo

Sung today in honor of the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal Rev. Vancil organ

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” by Johann Sebastian Bach

The incarnation involves much more than the drama of Christmas itself; it brings a vision of God’s glory to the nations of the world. The word **epiphany** comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance,” and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Epiphany has been observed throughout much of the Western church as occurring on January 6, but because most churches do not mark Epiphany with a midweek service, the celebration of this special day is often associated with the nearest Sunday, and continues for a season throughout the following weeks.