

WHATEVER IS *true,*  
WHATEVER IS *honorable,*  
WHATEVER IS *just,*  
WHATEVER IS *pure...*  
IF THERE IS ANYTHING  
*worthy of praise,*  
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

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The Worship of God ✠ January 21, 2024 ✠ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 21, 2024 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and Pace Davis, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rejoice!*

Based on Philippians 4:4

① *Unison*



Re - joice in the Lord al - ways: a - gain I say, Re - joice!

②



Re - joice, re - joice, and a - gain I say, Re - joice!

③



Re - joice in the Lord al - ways: a - gain I say, Re - joice!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Sophia Byrd

+HYMN OF PRAISE 312 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*  
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

MARION

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## CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 62:5-8

Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 647 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 409

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Stanzas 1 & 2

CONVERSE

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## +OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Joyner

## CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Alleluia*  
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Otis Skillings

## +OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymn 156

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* – Stanza 1

SHINE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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.

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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:4-9

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page \_\_\_\_ of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*What Is On Your Mind?*

Dr. Bazemore



INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 71 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Gene & Jo Anne Herring to the glory of God and in honor of our great nieces, Allie & Avery Byrum.*

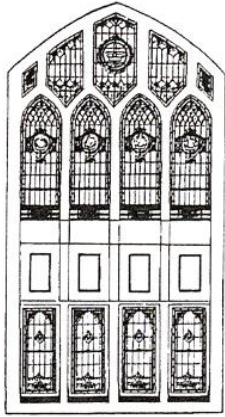
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#### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*  
Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Music Associate/Pianist*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*



## A Window on the Weeks Ahead

### ✠ Worship Notes

◆ **The Christian Year** – the church marks time differently than the secular world. We follow the Christian Year which begins with the Season of Advent four weeks prior to Christmas and ends with Christ the King Sunday on the Sunday prior to the beginning of Advent.

We are currently into the third week of the Season of Epiphany which will climax on February 11, 2024, as we observe the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). The following Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent, gathering for a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service.

◆ We give thanks for those *caring* for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

### ✠ Chili Cook-off | Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 5:00 PM

Enter your best chili recipe! If you are providing chili for the cook-off, please call the church office to let us know. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun.

### ✠ Wednesday Night Meals | January 24, 2024

To make your reservation ... ◆ Sign up on the bulletin board in the second-floor hallway, or  
◆ Respond to the Facebook post, or  
◆ Call the church office.

Include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. ***Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Tuesday.*** Hospitality Committee members, please remember to make your reservations.

Meal Costs: Adults \$8 Children (12 and under) \$4

### ✠ Valentine's Banquet | Saturday, February 10, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Adult members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend our Valentine's Banquet. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and the meal will include Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, red velvet cake and tea or water. Childcare will be provided. Reservations must be made by noon on February 6.

## ✘ WMU Churchwide Mission Project

FBCA is collecting the following items for the three assisted living/rehab centers in our association through the end of February:

- Toothpaste • Tissues • Body Wash • After Shave • Lotion • Cologne/Perfume
- Hand Soap • Mouthwash • Paper Towels • Band-Aids • Clothes • Dawn Dish Soap
- Clothes Detergent • Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Cloths (white only)
- Decorations (for doors & rooms) • Cleaning Supplies (bleach, Lysol, Windex, Clorox wipes)
- Drinks (apple/grape juice, Gatorade, ginger ale, etc.)
- Individually Wrapped Snacks (chips, cakes, cookies, chocolates, soft mints, please include sugar free options)

## ✘ Pray for Our Pastor Search Committee

Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson.

## ✘ This Week

### ♦ Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chairo Music Ensemble, Choir Room

5:00 PM Chili Cook-off, Fellowship Hall

### ♦ Monday, January 22, 2024

3:00 PM Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts, Jenni Byrd, Leader

### ♦ Wednesday, January 24

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### ♦ Thursday, January 25

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

### ♦ Friday, January 19

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, The Gathering Place

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