

**Thanks for your generous and faithful giving in 2016.** As you consider your giving for the upcoming year, we have provided a 2017 Estimate of Giving card for your own use. If you have not received one, there are Estimate of Giving cards at the entrances.

**Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve on a ministry team.** There is a place of service for everyone, and we hope that you will find your place. Teams differ from committees, in that you may stay with a team for as little or as long as you choose. There are sign-up sheets in the education hallway for each of these teams: Bereavement, Nursery, Children's Worship, Social, Greeter, Visitation, Mission, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Helping Hands, and Safety.

**Refuge** resumes Sunday, January 8, at 5pm.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will start at 10am on January 11, in the Activity Building. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Please bring a light dish to share for lunch.

**S.E.E. and Children's Choir** are scheduled to start at 5pm on Sunday, January 22.

All Committee leaders should call the office to schedule a time for their committee to meet and chose a chairperson (or persons) for 2017.

**December 25, 2016**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 10,876	TN Wildfire Relief	\$ 95	Landscaping	\$1600
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Food Pantry	\$ 460		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 364,557	Heifer Int'l.	\$ 20		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 347,516	Lottie Moon	\$ 20		

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**AT**  
**WORSHIP**

January 1, 2017

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Epiphany Sunday

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Music for Gathering** Kay Greene

**Ringing of the Hour**

**Prelude** *"Twas In the Moon of Wintertime (Huron Carol)* -arr. Dale Wood

**Call to Worship** Jim Hawkins

O come, let us worship the Lord  
 and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

O come, let us worship the Lord  
 and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

O come, let us worship the Lord  
 and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
 making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,  
**for God has done wondrous things!**

†**Hymn 117, As With Gladness Men of Old** DIX

†**Invocation** Jaime Fitzgerald

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Children’s Time**

Jaime Fitzgerald

(Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time.)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Old Testament Reading**, Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 654)

Jim Hawkins

**Responsive Reading**, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

John Spinks

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.  
**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

†**Hymn 116**, *Our Savior’s Infant Cries Were Heard*

ST. ANNE

**New Testament Reading**, Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 183)

Jaime Fitzgerald

**Gospel Reading**, Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 7)

Jeff Harris

**Anthem**

*We Three Kings*

-John Henry Hopkins

**Sermon**

“Wandering and Wondering”

Jeff Harris

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**Carol Requests**

†**Hymn 108**, *How Great Our Joy*

JUNGST

†**Offertory Prayer**

Beth McCallister

**Offering and Meditation** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* –arr. Marilyn Ham

†**Doxology 253**, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Jeff Harris

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

**Opportunities for Service**

†**Benediction**

Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response** *Adeste Fidelis*

ADESTE FIDELIS

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

†**Postlude**

*Rejoice! Our Redeemer Is Born!*

-Gerald Peterson

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 1	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, January 2	all day	Office closed
Tuesday, January 3	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
	10:30 am	Staff meeting
Wednesday, January 4	10:00 am	No Bible Study (will start next week)
	6:00 pm	No Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (note time)

Acolytes for this morning’s service are Wilson Edwards and Malik Miller.

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.