

### Today's Worship

The Season of Epiphany, from the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, meaning an appearance or manifestation, stresses the various ways in which Jesus Christ has made God manifest through his mighty deeds and words. The season begins on January 6, the Epiphany of the Lord, which completes the twelve days of Christmas, and commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The season continues with a recital of the signs and teachings of Jesus, ending with the Transfiguration of the Lord, in which Christ's sonship is reaffirmed.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- 29 Caroline Smith  
30 Bob Meares, Tom Wilcox  
31 Judy Brasel, Tommy Holley, Jeff Myers, Donna Vasil  
01 Morris Clark, Tom Woodruff, John Young  
02 Len Browder, John Jett, Ethan Lea  
03 John Cromer, Allison Grimes, Ron Paul, Mildred Sykes  
04 Sarah Bartelmay, Ashlyn Donahue, Domingo Price, Mary Helen Simons

### Today

- 5:00 Senior High School Bible Study and Middle School Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:50 Youth Snack Supper  
6:10 Senior High School Youth Choir Rehearsal and Middle School Bible Study

### MINISTERS

#### The members of First Baptist Church and

**Fred W. Andrea III, Ph.D.**  
Pastor

**Mary Carol Anderson**  
Associate Minister in Student Ministries

**Vicky R. McCullough**  
Director of Children's Ministries  
Kindergarten Director

**Danny L. Garnett**  
Clinical Director,  
Community Counseling Center

**Connie M. Kinney**  
Parents' Day Out Director

**Leonard V. Redd**  
Building Superintendent

**Joyce M. English**  
Church Organist

#### Worship Notes:

**James E. Bennett, Jr.**  
Associate Minister in Music and Worship

**Amy R. Stertz**  
Associate Minister in Christian Education

**Jason A. Ranké**  
Our Seminarian  
McAfee School of Theology

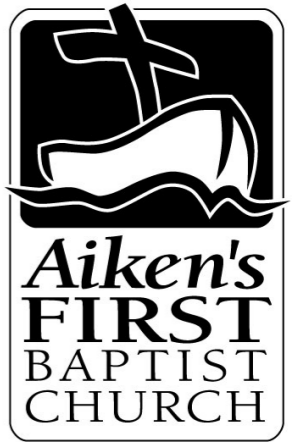
**Karen H. Bach**  
**Gail A. Floyd**  
**Annette H. Gibson**  
Secretarial Support Staff

**Teri C. Laurence**  
Music Ministry Assistant

**Jane K. Talbert**  
Church Hostess

## CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 29, 2012 The Lord's Day  
*Our mission is to carry out Jesus' great command  
through worshiping, nurturing, ministering,  
and witnessing, in an inclusive environment.*



#### TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE

Preparation for Worship

*Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please silence cellular telephones, beepers, and other audible devices during worship.*

The Prelude *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* arr. Kosche

Chiming of the Hour

#### SO LOVED HE THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE US HIS SON

The Call to Worship Mrs. Stertz

Praise the Lord!

**We give thanks to God with all our heart.**

The works of the Lord are great

**and marvelous in our eyes.**

We delight in God's works

**and sing praises to God's name.**

The Lord feeds the faithful, and watches over those

**who observe the commandments.**

God's covenant is a blessing.

**God's precepts are righteous and just.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**Let us worship God and be counted among the wise.**

– from Psalm 111

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

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†\*Hymn of Praise 4                      *To God Be The Glory*                      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**WHO YIELDED HIS LIFE AN ATONEMENT FOR SIN**

Passing the Friendship Register

*Please take the registration pad from the right end of the pew; sign it and pass it to your left. At the conclusion of worship, warmly greet those who have shared the pew with you.*

The Old Testament Lesson                      Ezekiel 36:22-28  
Pew Bible Page 774 (OT)                      Deacon Barbara Jackson

**AND OPENED THE LIFE-GATE THAT ALL MAY GO IN**

The Call to Prayer                      Dr. Andrea

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon and Prayer of Intercession

**GREAT THINGS HE HATH TAUGHT US, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE**

†\*Hymn of Assurance 497                      *The Master Hath Come*                      ASH GROVE

The Offertory Prayer

*Pray for Chaouki and Maha Boulos, Cooperative Baptist field personnel in Lebanon, who work with several Christian denominations to bring the message of Christ to people in that area of the Middle East.*

Receiving the Tithes and Offerings

*The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

The Offertory                      *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*                      arr. Hayes

†\*The Doxology                      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**AND GREAT OUR REJOICING THROUGH JESUS THE SON**

The Epistle Lesson                      II Corinthians 5:16-17  
Pew Bible Page 186 (NT)                      Miss Kelsie Taylor

The Children's Message                      Mrs. McCullough

*All children are invited to come to the front as the instrumental music begins. Four- and five-year olds will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.*

**BUT PURER, AND HIGHER, AND GREATER WILL BE**

The Anthem                      *With a Voice of Singing*                      Shaw  
Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

The Gospel Lesson                      Mark 1:21-28  
Pew Bible Page 35 (NT)

The Message                      *Take It from the Beginning*

The Invitation to Discipleship

**OUR WONDER, OUR VICTORY, WHEN JESUS WE SEE**

\*Hymn of Commitment 581                      *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*                      JESUS SAVES  
*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship. Our pastor will greet and receive you.*

Acknowledgment of New Members

\*The Ministry of Peace and the Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Response <sup>1</sup>                      SIM

**Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,  
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:  
Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,  
stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.**

The Postlude                      *Alleluia! Song of Gladness*                      arr. Kosche

\*Those who are able, please stand.

†Arriving worshipers may be seated.

*Large print orders of worship are available at each Sanctuary entrance.*

*Recycle bins have been placed at Sanctuary exit doors. Please discard any portion of the printed order of worship that you do not wish to take home with you.*

<sup>1</sup>"Go Gently, Go Lightly," words by Shirley Erena Murray. Copyright © 2001, Hope Publishing Company. Music by Paul A. Richardson. Copyright 2005 by Paul A. Richardson. Used by permission. CCLI License # 1161571.

**To Our Guests:**

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today and hope that you leave with a sense of having experienced the presence of God in the community of believers. If you are searching for a permanent place of worship and fellowship, we invite you to consider First Baptist Church as your church home.

The 11:00 a.m. worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Cable, Channel 95. Audio and video (DVD) recordings of the morning worship service are available, upon request, from the church office. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an FM wireless hearing assistance system. Ask one of the ushers for a receiver.

**Children's Worship Packets**

In the hall to the left of the front of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Packets for children to use during our worship services.

**Flower Calendar**

Lovely flowers in our Sanctuary add to the beauty of our worship experience. Most of the flowers are provided by members of the congregation in memory or honor of loved ones and events. Persons wishing to reserve a particular Sunday should call the Church Office or pick up a Flower Request Form on the rack outside the Church Office.

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to worship at Aiken's First Baptist Church. We hope you will use this time to experience God's grace through praise, confession, forgiveness, challenge, and renewal as we lend hearts, hands and voices to the good task of Christian worship. We want to know you better. Won't you please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group:  13-19  20-29  30-39  
 40-49  50-59  60+

Children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  
 Separated  Widowed

Please check all that apply:

- First time visitor
- New to the area
- Occasional visitor
- Interested in knowing more about being a Christian
- Interested in knowing more about this church
- Interested in joining this church