

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* ~ Parry/Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

*Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 1

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe, Holy God,
From everlasting to everlasting, You are Lord.

Your word brings life, happy are we when we walk in Your ways,
**You are a rich stream of living waters, and today we
immerse ourselves in You.**

Blessed are we when we walk in Your ways, O Lord.
**You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work
of our hands.**

Joyous are we when we walk in Your ways, O Lord.
Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

This is our God, the Holy One,
**We come before You with thanksgiving
and offer You the sacrifice of praise.**

*Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* #2

Special Music - *At the Table of the Lord* - Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and offerings

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #7

*Offertory Prayer

Kid's Korner

Kid's Konnection Children, ages 3 through grade 3
may leave for Kid's Konnection at this time.

Communion

Sermon *I Am Doing A New Thing*
Scripture: Isaiah 43: 18-19
Reverend William A. Guy

Altar Call

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?**
Come and share your decision with the Pastor
during the Hymn of Invitation.

* Invitational Hymn *I Am His, and He Is Mine* vs 1&4 #605

*Benediction

Postlude *March of the Kings* ~ J. Rasley

**Please stand as you are able*

Visit Our Welcome Table!

Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, growth, and service. We have programs designed for children and adults. We want you to know that you are welcome here. Stop by our Welcome Table in the church entrance and a friendly greeter will be glad to help you.

About the Message

Today's message is not just someone delivering God's Word to an audience of people. In a worship service, each person is a participant and God is the audience. Although the Pastor has prepared a message for all of us, please don't just sit back and listen ... hear it and try and determine what God might have for you today and will give you in the days to come.

About The Offering

Those of us who have committed our lives to Christ give to support God's work here in this place. If you are visiting, don't feel pressured to give. Our members and regular attenders support our ministry out of gratitude to God. This is an act of worship and thanksgiving.

How May I Join First Baptist?

The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to the front of the Sanctuary and share your decision with the pastor. The following are the ways in which you may join First Baptist Church of Dover.

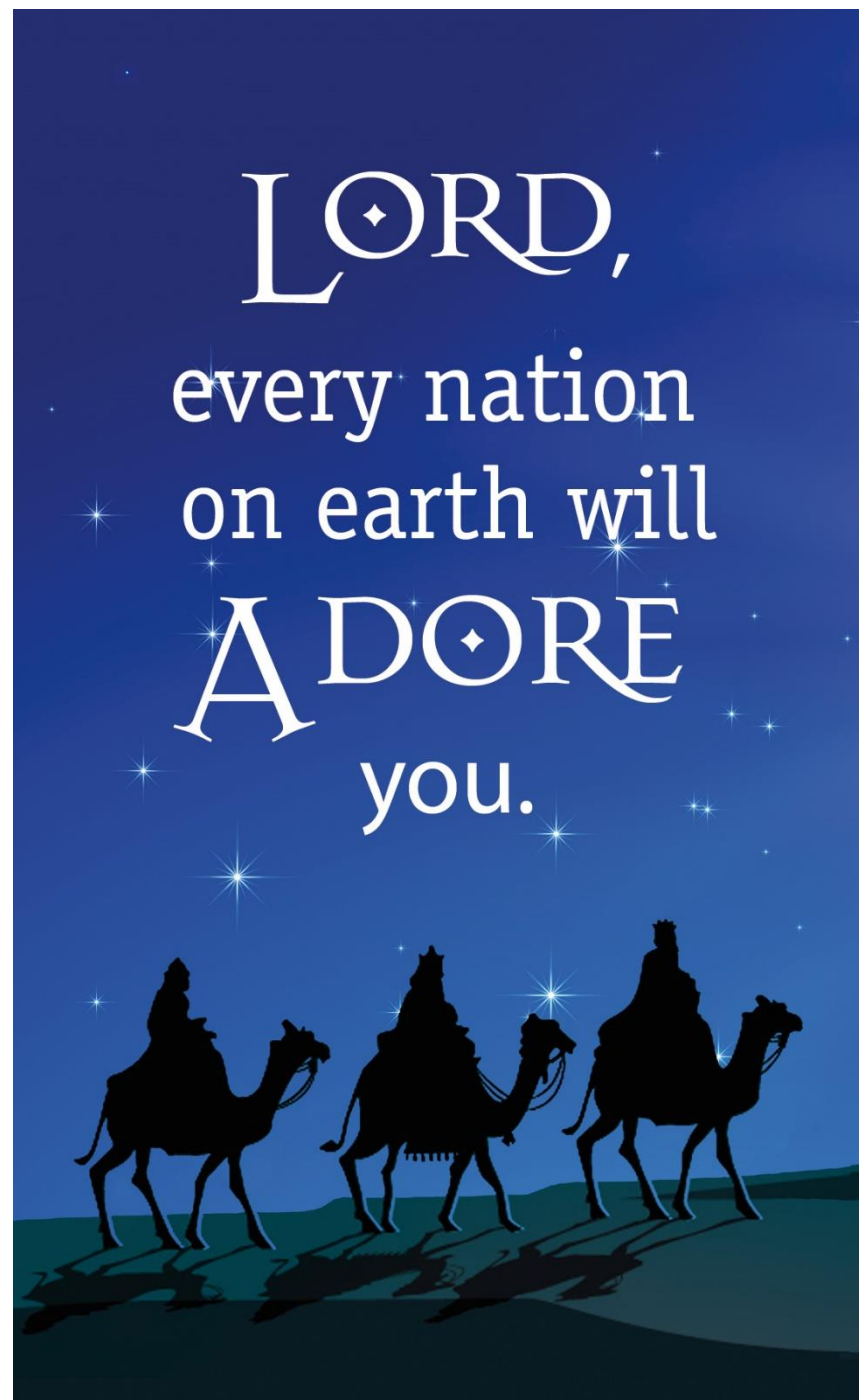
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: As a Baptist, whose church membership is elsewhere, you are most welcome to join our fellowship. We will send for your church letter.

STATEMENT: By statement from another denomination. This is a statement of faith in Christ and that you have been baptized by immersion.

We stream our Worship Service each Sunday. It can be found on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is – First Baptist Church of Dover DE

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
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Dover, DE 19904
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This Week

TODAY – 1/7:

Epiphany Sunday

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

MONDAY – 1/8:

10:00am Take down Chrismon Trees

TUESDAY – 1/9:

4:00pm Deacons - Library

WEDNESDAY – 1/10:

Annual reports due

11:30am XYZ Longhorn Steakhouse
2:30pm Christian Ed-Library
4:00pm DMIH Dinner
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 1/11:

10:00am ABWM Board Mtg-Conf. Rm.
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

SATURDAY – 1/13:

10:00 Missions-Conference Room

SUNDAY – 1/14:

9:30am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

Worship Attendance: 148
Offering: \$ 2,605

FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God.

REMINDER: Annual reports are due **no later than January 10th**. Please email the report(s) in a Word document to the secretary. Thank you.

Sanctuary Flower Order Forms:

If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, the order forms may be picked up at the Welcome Table.

Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't receive a box and want one, please see Agnes Robinson.

Men's Shelter Meal-January 10th

Thanks for everyone's help with meals at the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter during 2023! Our next scheduled meal contribution is Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The meal contribution sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. January's menu includes chili, coleslaw, cornbread and donuts. Please deliver your contributed food item directly to the shelter at 1155 Walker Road, Dover, between 4:00pm and 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Everyone's help for this needed service is greatly appreciated!



WELCOME to First Baptist Church of Dover. We are glad that you wanted to share in worship with us this morning. A very special welcome is given to guests and new residents of the community. If you are seeking a church home, please consider joining us. We are an American Baptist congregation (abcusa.org). If you want to know more about us, contact the church office at 302-674-1980 or check the website www.fbcdover.org.



LULLABY LOUNGE is offered to parents with restless children. It's located at the back of our sanctuary where you can continue to watch and listen to our worship service.



KIDS KONNECTION is a kid-friendly worship experience for children Preschool-Grade 3. Children may leave the sanctuary at the time designated in the service.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL is held each Wednesday evening at 7:15pm. Dial **978-990-5083** and enter the **access code – 676527 #** to participate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is offered for all adults and children each Sunday at 9:30am. All are welcome.



PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office ([674-1980](tel:674-1980)) (secretary@fbcdover.org).



FELLOWSHIP TIME between Sunday School and morning Worship from 10:30am to 10:50am in the Narthex. Coffee, Tea and goodies will be available. Please **do not** take food/drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

Organist:	<i>Gene Moore</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Phil Steinhoff</i>
Sound Technician:	<i>Chris Cottrell</i> <i>Aaron King</i>
Projection:	<i>Charity King</i>
Streaming:	<i>Mark Moore</i> <i>Bethel Chang</i> <i>Matthew King</i>
Trustee of the Day:	<i>Lorraine Leavel</i>

Church Clean-up

Saturday January 20th
8am-Noon

Volunteers Needed!

Sign Up In the Church Narthex if you are able to help!

SEE MICHELLE ROGERS FOR MORE INFO