

The Worship of God
Sunday, January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday – Christmas is Not Over – The Journey of the Magi

Does the hope of Christmas burn away like the morning fog? Do you think the Magi lost Christmas on their way back home? W.H. Auden wrote: “Well, so that is that... We’ve gotten through Christmas once again... The Christmas Feast is already a fading memory. The happy morning is over...the decorations and Jesus are packed away until next year.” As you prepare for worship, consider how each day could be like Christmas. This doesn’t mean that every day is like a holiday. How could every day be a holy day as *Emmanuel – God with us*, has been born into our lives?

Prelude Beverly Warren

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Christmas in a Nutshell

Welcome Becky Tucker

Time of Greeting *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Becky Tucker

Congregational Call to Worship *The Solid Rock* CH 526
This is Amazing Grace

Morning Prayer Becky Tucker

The Christmas Connection

Song of Worship *We Three Kings of Orient Are* CH 288

God’s Eternal Word for Us Today *Matthew 2:1-12* Laurie Irby
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Paul Irby

Song of Worship *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Message from God’s Word Phil Christopher
A Long Night’s Journey Into Light

Message in Song *Welcome, Jesus, Our Redeemer* Sanctuary Choir

Invitation *Shine, Jesus, Shine* CH 431

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions John Moore

Benediction *This is Amazing Grace*

Postlude Beverly Warren

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano