

**THE SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY**



**JANUARY 14, 2024  
11AM WORSHIP**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
1111 HARVARD AVENUE  
SEATTLE, WA  
[seattlefirstbaptist.org](http://seattlefirstbaptist.org)**

Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community.

Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer.

Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

*We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present.*

*With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe.*

*May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.*

*And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together,  
changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.*

*\*If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.*

---

Prelude	“Adoration” FLORENCE B. PRICE	Christian Broughton
---------	----------------------------------	---------------------

Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
-----------	--	----------------------

<b>*Hymn #593</b>	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON
-------------------	-----------------------------	---------------------

Time with Children	AMOS 5:14-15	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
--------------------	--------------	------------------------

Call to Giving and Call to Prayer		Lynn Gaertner-Johnston
-----------------------------------	--	------------------------

<b>*Hymn #472</b>	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	THOMAS A. DORSEY
-------------------	-------------------------------	------------------

Scripture	ROMANS 12:9-10, 21	
-----------	--------------------	--

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
and for the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
--------	--	------------------------

Anthem	“Lead Me, Guide Me” DORIS ACKERS/arr. JOHN CARTER	Sanctuary Choir
--------	--	-----------------

*Lead me, guide me along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with you; lead me my whole life through.*

I am weak and I need your strength and power, to endure with grace my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness; be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am trusting you whatever may be: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Where he leads me, I will follow. Where he leads me, I will follow.

I am lost if you take your hand from me; I am blind without your light to see.

Lord, forever may I your servant be: Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his

master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
and for the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Weapons of Welcome and Resistance"

Rev. Dr. James Brenneman

**\*Hymn #588**

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

ST. THOMAS

Benediction

Rev. Dr. James Brenneman

Postlude

"Festival March"

Christian Broughton

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour.*

*Donate securely online here:*



Rev. Dr. James Brenneman, or Jim as he prefers being called, is president and professor of biblical studies at Berkeley School of Theology since the Fall of 2017. Just prior to his call to BST, he completed nearly twelve years as president of Goshen College in Indiana. Dr. Brenneman has chosen to align his vocation with the work of serving the church. He is an ordained Anabaptist/Mennonite minister and the founding lead pastor of Pasadena Mennonite Church. Jim has served on the faculty at Episcopal Theological School at Claremont in Old Testament scholarship and as an adjunct faculty member at Claremont School of Theology and, as an adjunct professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Brenneman is the author of "On Jordan's Stormy Banks: Lessons from the Book of Deuteronomy" published by Herald Press and "Canons in Conflict: Negotiating Texts in True and False Prophecy" published by Oxford University Press. Jim is married to Dr. Terri J. Brenneman, a clinical psychologist and they are parents of one son, Quinn.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 14

*Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.*

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemoration Service:** Monday, January 15, 7pm at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 19300 108th Ave SE, Renton. Sponsored by the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. Special guest speakers Rev. Dr. Joseph Evans and Rev. Dr. James Brenneman. Service also live-streamed at [thenbcf.org](http://thenbcf.org).

**Washington State Green Amendment Initiative Webinar:** SFBC has become an official endorser of efforts to pursue a Green Amendment in WA. Interfaith Climate Action invites you to a webinar Thursday, January 18 at 4pm. Learn more at [wagreenamendment.org](http://wagreenamendment.org) or contact Lynn Gaertner-Johnston for more information.

## SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

*For Zoom links, see our online calendar at [seattlefirstbaptist.org](http://seattlefirstbaptist.org)*

Sunday 1/14 **Friendship Circle** 12:45pm in the Peacemaker Room and on Zoom

Sunday 1/14 **Exploring Contemplation** 6:30pm on Zoom

Monday 1/15 **MLK Day Service** 7pm at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship

Tuesday 1/16 **Prayer Group** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 1/16 **Legacies Group** 1:30pm on Zoom

Tuesday 1/16 **Parents of Adult Children with Mental Illness** 7pm

Wednesday 1/17 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday 1/18 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 1/20 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Sunday 1/21 **Exploring Israel & Palestine** 9:30am in the Parlor

Sunday 1/21 **Annual Meeting** 12pm in the Sanctuary

*Email [contact@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:contact@seattlefirstbaptist.org) to reach any of the following people.*

### **STAFF**

Rev. Anita Peebles, *Pastor*  
Rev. Leigh Curl-Dove, *Pastor*  
Darren Hochstedler, *Church Administrator*  
Ben Luedcke, *Minister of Music*  
Christian Broughton, *Organist & Communications Manager*  
Judy Scott, *Office Manager*  
Dick Steele, *Facilities Manager*  
Kellie Whitlock, *Sound & Video Engineer*  
Chase McAdams, *Caretaker*  
Stephenie Simmons, *Chef*

### **COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**

Mike Zaugg, *Congregation President*  
Megan Walker, *Vice President*  
Eric Watness, *Secretary*  
Inola de la Cruz, *Treasurer*  
Corey Clemons  
Roem de la Cruz  
David Delgado  
Heather Dodge  
Sue Ross  
Bob Sittig  
David Young