

# FIRST CHURCH, SARASOTA

*Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Contemporary Service Second Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 16, 2022

Rev. Dr. Sam Wright, Senior Pastor  
Baron Garriott, Director of Praise Music

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS		Praise Band
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Donna Maynard, Director of Ministries
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Alyssa Machado, Director of Children's Ministries
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
LORD'S PRAYER		
<b>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.</b>		
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
We are grateful for your generosity to the ministries of First Church. You may give online at <a href="http://www.firstsrq.com">www.firstsrq.com</a> ; click GIVE, or send your check to First Church, 104 S. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236. Thank you for your faithful support. You are making a difference in the lives of those in need.		
SPECIAL MUSIC		Praise Band
SCRIPTURE READING		Job 3:1-12 <sup>1</sup>
THE MESSAGE	<i>Job's Question: Why Did I Not Die at Birth?</i>	Rev. Dr. Sam Wright
PRAISE SONG		
BLESSING		
PASSING THE PEACE		

<sup>1</sup>Job 3:1-12 (CEB)

Afterward, Job spoke up and cursed the day he was born.

Job said:

Perish the day I was born,  
the night someone said,  
“A boy has been conceived.”

That day—let it be darkness;  
may God above ignore it,  
and light not shine on it.

May deepest darkness claim it  
and a cloud linger over it;  
may all that darkens the day terrify it.

May gloom seize that night;  
may it not be counted  
in the days of a year;  
may it not appear in the months.

May that night be childless;  
may no happy singing come in it.

May those who curse the day curse it,  
those with enough skill  
to awaken Leviathan.

May its evening stars stay dark;  
may it wait in vain for light;  
may it not see dawn's gleam,  
because it didn't close  
the doors of my mother's womb,  
didn't hide trouble from my eyes.

Why didn't I die at birth,  
come forth from the womb and die?

Why did knees receive me  
and breasts let me nurse?

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### **DIAPER DRIVE FOR FAMILY PROMISE**

Thank you for your donations of diapers and money too. We hope to continue this drive the third Sunday for several months. For additional information about this project and Family Promise, contact Missions Chair Peggy Hite (hitep@indiana.edu).

### **2022 BRINGS NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

~ **Caritas**, one of FUMC's mission partners, has a Food Pantry at First Baptist on Main St. **We are responsible for volunteers Mondays (10 to noon)**. Contact Coordinator David Quigley (davidquigley28@gmail.com) for duties and openings.

~ **SILL (Sarasota Institute of Lifelong Learning)** uses our sanctuary Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings January – March. **Can you serve Tuesday or Wednesday as a First Church greeter** (and hear the lecture for free)? Contact Sally Altman (sgaltman1@aol.com) or 941-408-5444).

### **KEEP UP WITH FIRST CHURCH**

Want to be in the know? Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/fumcsarasota>), subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, and watch the website and Sunday bulletins for upcoming events.

### **DR. SAM CONTINUES HIS SERMON SERIES JOB'S QUESTION: WHY?**

January 23 - Job's Question: Why Do the Innocent Suffer?  
January 30 - Job's Question: Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?  
February 6 - Job's Question: Why Won't God Communicate with Me?  
February 13 - Job's Question: Why Do the Wicked Prosper?  
February 20 - Job's Question: Why Don't My Friends Understand?  
February 27 - Job's Question: God's Response

### **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The church office will be closed Monday, January 17,  
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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