



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 November 28, 2021 ~10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying J. G. Walther
 How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Pachelbel
 Magnificat (Plein jeu) Jean François Dandrieu
 A Virgin Most Pure English Carol, setting by Norberto Guinaldo
 The Advent of Our God is Nigh Besançon Tune, setting by Richard Warner



In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

O Come All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

*O come let us adore him
 For he alone is worthy
 We'll give him all the glory*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#81 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
 PICARDY

One of the lesser sung Christmas hymns, this paraphrase of Gerard Moultrie is based on a text that has been used by the church since the late fourth century: the Liturgy of St. James. Moultrie's words come from a part of that liturgy known as the Cherubic Hymn, which would be chanted as the bread and wine of Holy Eucharist were brought forward. This old text evokes a sense of majesty at the incarnation of Christ, and the slow, almost chant-like melody in a minor tone wonderfully expresses that awe and mystery. We come before Christ in silence and in awe to reflect upon the mystery of the incarnation, joined even by the hosts of heaven to witness the miracle. Singing this hymn, one can imagine him or herself standing in the stable, angels above, in reverent silence to worship the King, born a child to banish the darkness away.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mark & Michelle Sutton and Ava & Rachel Powell

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

~Jeremiah 33:14-16

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope, as we join generations before us in seeking God's justice and righteousness. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR HOPE

O God, we thank you for the beauty and hope the lighting of one candle can give. Darkness and despair back away from the flickering flame, and there is life-giving warmth. Thank you for the gift of hope in your Beloved Son, whose love is the light of our life. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
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**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rachel Powell

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13: How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Luke 21:25-36: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#83 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
HYFRYDOL

In one of his many *Coop's Columns* on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website, former Calvin College chaplain, Dale Cooper, recalls a moment in which he was traveling home to his young family after spending the summer in Geneva. He was calling his wife from Chicago's O'Hare airport to arrange his pick-up in Grand Rapids, when his then four-year-old son asked for the phone. Cooper writes, His only words to me, a sigh, *really, Daddy, when am I going to be where you are?* It is this sigh of longing that we express when we sing the words of Charles Wesley's beautiful Advent hymn, *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*. For though we know that Christ goes with us and before us every day, we long for the day when we are with Him in all of the fullness and glory He will bring. We long for the day when we are with Him in a New Heaven and New Earth, when all things are made new. And just as a four-year-old crawls into his father's arms after an extended absence, so too we long for the day when we will be at rest in Christ, enfolded in the embrace of our Savior.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn for the Children's Message. Following the message they may go to Sunday school—PreK-3 graders will be downstairs in Rm. 4, and 4-6 graders will be in the 1st Floor Parlor. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 8)

(vs. 1) *While We Are Waiting, Come*
WAITING

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

ANTHEM

Christopher Smith, soloist

Recitative and Aria: Comfort ye my people (from Messiah) G. F. Handel

Comfort ye my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"That Day"

Responding to God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#99 *View the Present Through the Promise*
AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

When one imagines music to accompany a text about the Second Coming of Christ in final triumph and victory to reign forever and ever, one might think of rousing, stirring music, with loud trumpets and drums, perhaps on the order of Bill Gaither's *The King Is Coming*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, or *The Hallelujah Chorus*. But the music that accompanies this Second Advent text is quiet, meditative, thoughtful, part lullaby, part nocturne. As a voice professor for many years at Central State University, I think of Van A. Christy's setting of this tune to the poem *All Through the Night*, a simple song for a new beginning vocal student. Something new is what Advent is all about, a newborn baby born in Bethlehem. Advent, the season we celebrate the birth of Christ is often treated musically with a soft and gentle approach.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CHORAL BENEDICTION

3-Fold Amen

Noel ~ Grand Jeu Et Duo Louis Claude D'Aquin

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave. **Thank you!***



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our in-person worship! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

Please Note! Wearing a mask is strongly recommended. Pastor Jason and Barbara Bogan will continue wearing masks during their times together with the children.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>). Live zoom gatherings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00PM unless otherwise announced. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Elizabeth Ard	Neil Earnest	Judy See
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Marlen Berghuis	Joel Frydman	Chas Snyder
Allyson Black	Bev Harrell	Sutton Family
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Emily Taylor
Melinda Brown	Kistler Family	Anne Veghte
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Sara Vice
Andrew Caldwell	Brad Lawson	Waldrop Family
Lynn Chadbourne	Jerry Lawson	Zachery Williamson
Tami Malone Charles	Trish Lawson	<i>Healthcare Workers</i>
June Collier	Steve Liss	<i>Police & Fire Fighters</i>
Ruth Cook	Tim Meador	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Dilworth Family	John D. & Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Florida Dixon & Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Downs Family	Susan Reichard	Will Radachi
Jim Earnest	Bill Salyers	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Nov. 28 – Dec. 5

Sun. 28	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Advent 1
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering
Thu. 2	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service w/Communion – Advent 2
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Five Candles - One Hope An Advent Study

Sundays Nov. 28 – Dec. 19 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor – CHAPEL

Led by Rev. David Coggins

Join us for a 4-week study series based on the symbolism of the Advent wreath that we use in celebration and worship. Each Advent season we take time in our worship service to light a candle and pray in a specific way related to the Advent theme. Our Adult Bible Study will focus on each of the four themes of Advent with an exploration of the Scriptures that help to form our worship practices.

Week 1 - The Prophet's Candle

The lighting of this candle draws attention to the anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, a fulfillment of the prophet's message.

Week 2 - The Bethlehem Candle

The second candle represents peace and it symbolizes the preparations being made to cradle the Christ child.

Week 3 - The Shepherd's Candle

The lighting of this candle is a reminder that God came for the most unlikely and insignificant people who were overwhelmed with joy!

Week 4 - The Angel's Candle

The angels came to herald the message of good news and great joy which was the birth of Christ, our redeemer and the human embodiment of God's love.



December ABC/USA Offering for Retired Ministers & Missionaries

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank You" for the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please give generously in December.

Coffee Fellowship

The Deacon Board is in need of assistance in preparing the coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Kerr.

The Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. We will collect these items on three Sundays: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12. The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Koinonia Christmas Party

**Friday, Dec. 10 @ 7pm at the Home of Daryl & Barb Bogan
7610 Rolling Oaks Dr; Dayton 45459**

Bring hors d'oeuvres to share! Open to all who are vaccinated!

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 12 @ 10:00AM

This special Advent service will consist of scripture readings of the season interspersed with Christmas hymns and carols. Mark your calendar and bring friends and family!

Kids Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 10:00am

Our Kids Christmas Pageant is back this year, and will take place during morning worship on Sunday, December 19. We will have casting and rehearsals after worship on Sundays, December 5 & 12. As always, there are a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles for kids to choose from. And, if there are kids in your extended family who will be present the day of the pageant, we can find a way for them to participate if they'd like to do so. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Jason.

BONUS: Last year, while we did not have a live pageant due to COVID concerns, a couple of our kids (Sydney & Abigail) performed and recorded their own Christmas Pageant at home to share. Inspired by their creativity, we'd like to offer kids/families a chance to act out and record a scene from the pageant at home, using their own creativity for costumes, props, scenery, etc. We would then piece together all the recordings into one video and present during Coffee Fellowship on December 26. If you would like to take part in this extra opportunity, please speak with Pastor Jason.

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, Dec. 24

5:30PM – Music Prelude

6:00PM – Worship Service

Changes to *Courier* Delivery to Begin in 2022

Beginning with the January 2022 edition, we are going to adjust the way we send out our *Courier* church newsletter. For years we have sent it out only in printed form via bulk mailing, but with increased costs and new technology, we are going to start sharing the *Courier* electronically (just as we do with weekly e-news), while still making printed copies available via first class mail for those who still wish to receive it in that form. We will also have printed copies available for pickup at the church. These changes will reduce our use of paper and printing materials, reduce our postage costs, and free us from some of the content restrictions that come with bulk mailing. We'll be able to continue to provide all of the important information related to the life and ministry of First Baptist, and more. If you would like to continue receiving a printed copy of the *Courier*, please contact Linda Blair in the church office at 937-222-4691 or email fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AFTER ADVENT PRAYER

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 2195

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." There are triplets in the vocal line of the second and third systems. The first system ends with a repeat sign.

WORDS: Jacques Berthier
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

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CALL TO PRAYER

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of D major. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, with a final half-note chord of D5 and F#5. The bass staff has a accompaniment of quarter notes: D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, with a final half-note chord of D4 and F#4.

while we are wait - ing, come.
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The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff melody is: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, with a final half-note chord of D5 and F#5. The bass staff accompaniment is: D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, with a final half-note chord of D4 and F#4.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, with a final half-note chord of D5 and F#5. The bass staff accompaniment is: D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, with a final half-note chord of D4 and F#4.

while we are wait - ing, come.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff melody is: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, with a final half-note chord of D5 and F#5. The bass staff accompaniment is: D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, with a final half-note chord of D4 and F#4.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.