

The First Baptist Church at Worship
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
December 6, 2020



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Pachelbel

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 5)

#126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
REGENT SQUARE

This hymn focuses on each of the key players in the Christmas story, calling them from wherever they are to “Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.” The angels were called from all over the earth, and the wise men from afar, while the shepherds were almost next-door. As the hymn is sung, think about where you are coming from as you come to worship.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Connie Holmen

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The child’s authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and the kingdom. God will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” -Isaiah 9:6-7

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God, in this Advent season, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (See pg. 6)

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

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

2 Peter 3:8-15a: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

(The Children's Message is a separate video available on our website.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 7)

(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

Rev. Alspaugh

SPECIAL MUSIC

First Baptist Quartet
Tia Seay, Connie Holmen, Parris Hobbs, Ray Landis

Jesus, the Light of the World
Evelyn Simpson-Curenton/arr. William Henry Caldwell

Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world. Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world. Joyful all ye nations rise. Jesus the light of the world. Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world. Christ, by highest heaven adored. Jesus, the light of the world. Christ, the everlasting Lord. Jesus the light of the world. Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace. Jesus the light of the world. Hail the Son of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light; come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right. Oh, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Day of the Lord Will Come"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. David Coggins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

#455 (Vs. 2) *Here, at Your Table, Lord*
(See pg. 8)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

Responding to God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 9)

#87 *Arise, Your Light Is Come*
FESTAL SONG

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Variations on an Old French Noel Claude Balbastre (1729-1799)
"The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary"

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

While we are in a Level 4 public health advisory, there will be no in-person worship. We do plan to **livestream** our Sunday worship service to 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.fbcdayton.org/>) for later viewing. We will hold our live **Zoom Gathering** Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. 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.

Service of Lessons and Carols via Livestream **Sunday, Dec. 13**

Our church musicians Alan and Greg will once again offer an extended Prelude of Seasonal Duet Reflections starting at 9:45am on Dec. 13. We invite you to tune in early via livestream to join us for a time of Advent preparation. This special prelude will be followed by a Service of Lessons & Carols at 10am as part of the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 13. Members of the First Baptist Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of music director William Henry Caldwell, along with organists Gregory Land and R. Alan Kimbrough will feature seasonal Advent carols presented in quartets socially distanced throughout the sanctuary. This program will include antiphonal works, duets, and solos, and feature lots of seasonal favorites!

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. Please give generously in December.

A Virtual Advent Wreath

The Marian Library at the University of Dayton is lighting the way to Christmas with a virtual Advent wreath. Visit go.udayton.edu/adventwreath to interact with its Advent wreath. Check back during each week of Advent for a special gift created for you and your family.

Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may drop off gifts of mittens, scarves and gloves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. Thank you for your generosity!

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your Amazon.com username and password. Search for "First Baptist Church Dayton" in the list of charitable organizations and click "Select." Then each time you want to buy something through Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com (not Amazon.com) and log-in and buy as you normally would. 0.5% of all eligible purchases will be donated to our church's BYF. Thanks for your support!

Update Your Contact Information

Please contact the church office and share your most updated information. If you have moved, have a new cell phone number or email address, please share these new details at your earliest convenience.

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.)

Harry Alsup	Jim Earnest	Radachi Family
Sharon Appelt	Neil Earnest	Susan Reichard
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Rebecca Bauer	Ken Gordon	Judy Smith
Molly Beam	Bev Harrell	Helen Sutton
Dan Bellavia	Linda Haskins	Emily Taylor
Marlen Berghuis	Hignite Family	Torrey Thrash
Jessica Blair	Marva Hughes	Anne Veghte
Marcie Bogan	Missy Hunt	Sara Vice
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Waldrop Family
Jessica Brown	Doris Landis	Zachery Williamson
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Peggie Worthey
Lynn Chadbourne	Lea Family	Healthcare Workers
Tami Malone Charles	Vincent Liss	Police & Fire Fighters
Andy Collier	Tim Meador	Military Duty:
Marilyn Craig	Arthur Merkle	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Miles-Curry Families	Sunny Ewald
Martha DeBold	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Florida Dixon	Pipenger Family	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

OPENING HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory 126

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God on earth is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions, ye have seen the In - fant's star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in His tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816, alt. (Luke 2:8-20; Matt. 2:1-12; Mal. 3:1)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE
 8.7.8.7 with refrain
 Lower key, No. 457

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AFTER ADVENT PRAYER

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 2195

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and Bb4, then quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) marked with a '3' above them. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) marked with a '3' above them. The bass staff provides the final accompaniment.

WORDS: Jacques Berthier
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

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Irregular

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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 G major and 3/4 time. The treble staff has a melody with a long note on 'ing, come;' and a similar note on 'ry, come;' and 'quick - ly come;'. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, with the same three-part vocal structure.

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

The third system features a single vocal line in the treble staff with the text 'Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

while we are wait - ing, come.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final vocal line in the treble staff: 'while we are wait - ing, come.' The bass staff provides the final accompaniment.

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.

TEXT: Claire Cloninger, 1986
MUSIC: Don Cason, 1986
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WAITING (Cason)
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COMMUNION HYMN

Here, at Your Table, Lord

455

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a lower key. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '1. Here, at Your ta-ble, Lord, this sa-cred hour, O let us / 2. Come then, O ho-ly Christ, feed us, we pray; touch with Your / feel You near, in lov-ing power, call-ing our thoughts a-way / pierc-ed hand each com-mon day, mak-ing this earth-ly life / from self and sin, as to Your ban-quet hall we en-ter in. / full of Your grace, till, in the home of heaven, we find our place.'

WORDS: May P. Hoyt, 1891
MUSIC: William F. Sherwin, 1877

BREAD OF LIFE
6.4.6.4 D
Lower key, No. 35

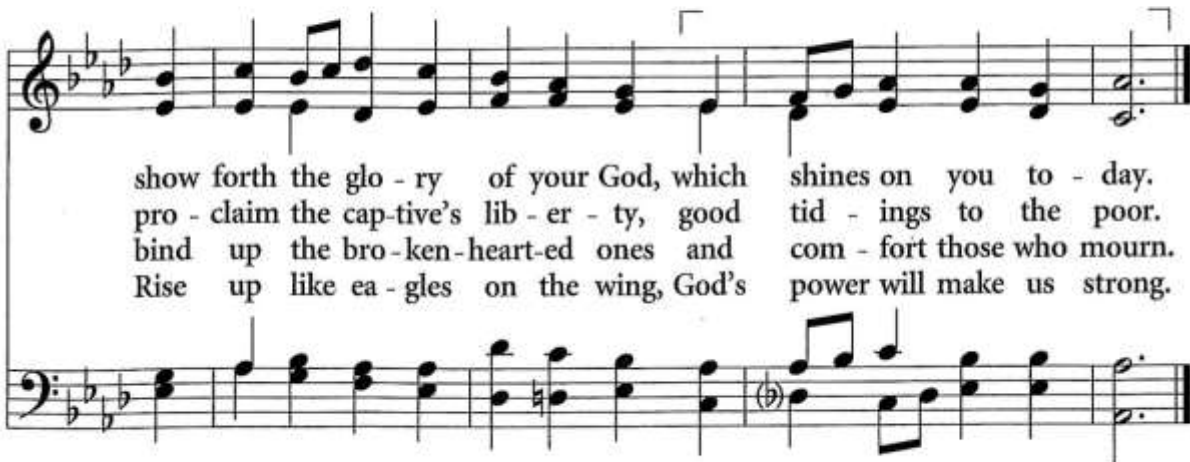
HYMN OF RESPONSE

Arise, Your Light Is Come

87



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1974 (Isa. 60:1-2; 61:1)

MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

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FESTAL SONG

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Higher key, No. 228; lower key, No. 437