

The First Baptist Church at Worship

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist

- Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying J. G. Walther
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Pachelbel
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Johannes Brahms
Magnificat (Plein jeu) Jean François Dandrieu

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

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 #343 His Name Is Wonderful Audrey Mieir

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus the Lord; He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 3:1-6) Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #95 Prepare the Royal Highway BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

This hymn reminds us today as it did his disciples that Christ has not come to be our earthly king, or our "bread king." Instead, He comes to save the entire human race—thanks be to God! So throughout this Advent and Christmas season, while we are focusing on the birth of Christ, we must never forget why He came: to suffer and die for us and for our salvation.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE BYF Youth

"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.

ADVENT PRAYER FOR PEACE BYF Youth

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 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful ITLIBET

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.

*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

BLESSING FOR DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES Rev. Berghuis

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Tim Holmen

Isaiah 11:1-10: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Tim Holmen

Romans 15:4-7: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN #105 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS'

The hymn has its roots in an unknown author prior to the 17th century. It first appeared in print in 1599 and has since been published with a varying number of verses and in several different translations. It is most commonly sung to a melody which was harmonized by the German composer Michael Praetorius in 1609. The rose in the text is a symbolic reference to the Virgin Mary, and the hymn makes reference to the Old Testament prophecies of Isaiah which in Christian interpretation foretell the Incarnation of Christ, and to the Tree of Jesse, a traditional symbol of the lineage of Jesus. Because of its prophetic theme, the song is popular during the Christian season of Advent.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Alspaugh

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER #111 (v.3) Away In a Manger CRADLE SONG

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors) Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Every Valley John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low; and the crooked made straight and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Amen.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Welcome of Christ"

Responding to God

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Silent Night Franz Gruber

Silent night holy night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #335 (v.3) *Praise the Lord!*
HYFRYDOL

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee; young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne; as thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Holmen

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #98 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
SHEFFIELD

James Montgomery followed in the footsteps of two poetic luminaries—Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley. In many hymnals he is well represented, third only to Watts and Wesley for British hymn writers before 1850. Montgomery's father was a minister, and his parents later served as missionaries to the West Indies.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!

*POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Variations on an Old French Carol Claude Balbastre
"The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary"

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



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.)

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| Sharon Appelt | Downs Family | Rose Peacock |
| Kenneth Barger | Jim Earnest | Ron Petry |
| Rebecca Bauer | Lavanda Ferguson | Ron Pipenger |
| Marlen Berghuis | Bev Harrell | Susan Reichard |
| Jessica Blair | Linda Haskin | Judy See |
| Don Brown | Barbara Jett | Ed Soloski |
| Jessica Brown | Judy Kelly | Emily Taylor |
| Robert Brown | Lenore Kimbrough | Torrey Thrash |
| Lynn Chadbourne | Anna Frances Lasley | Jim & Anne Veghte |
| Sydney Chadbourne | Vincent Liss | Sara Vice |
| Tami Malone Charles | Tim Meador | Peggie Worthey |
| Andy Collier | Arthur Merkle | Military Duty: |
| Marilyn Craig | Greg Merkle | Sebastian Ewald |
| Pamela Cress | Palmer Family | Brittany Kalbfleisch |
| Florida Dixon | Mary Ann Paloncy | Andy Wilson |

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



Reminder!

Happy Birthday Jesus Party!
Today, Dec. 8 @ Noon in Upstairs Dining Room

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 this month!

Mission Survey

Extra copies are available on the table by the church office. Please take a moment to fill one out. Thank you!

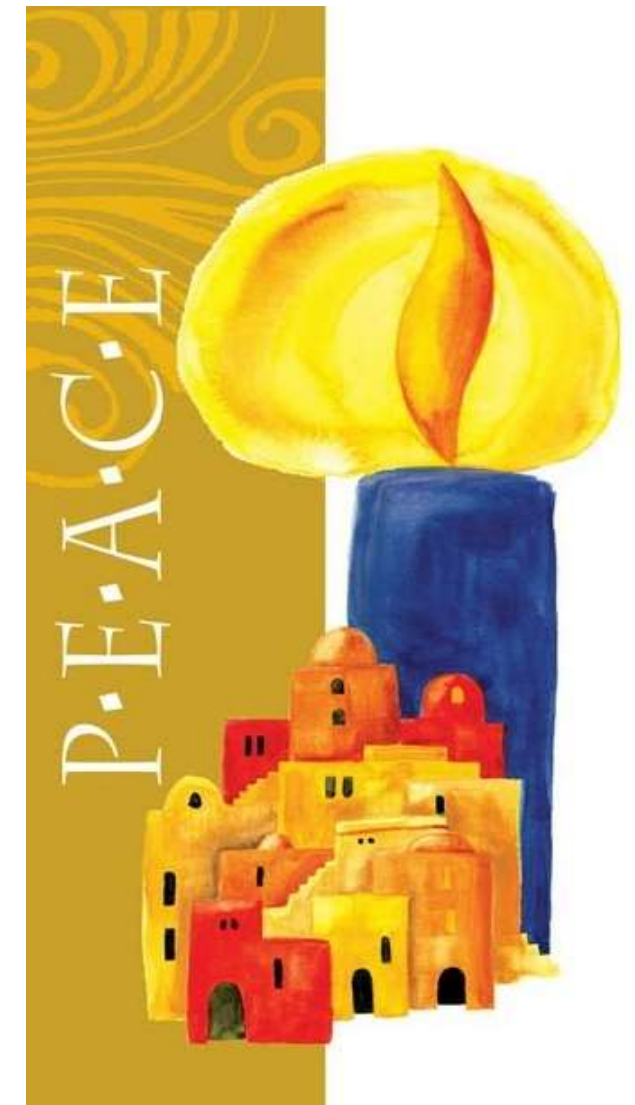


STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2020

A reminder that if you plan to turn in a pledge card, there are extra cards available on the table by the church office, or you may mail or email your pledge to the church. Thank you.

First Baptist Church of Dayton 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

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