



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
 December 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
 R. Alan Kimbrough, Pianist

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel “Veni Emmanuel”
 setting by David H. Hegarty
- Canon in D Johann Pachelbel
 setting by Linker-McFadden
- French Carol Miniatures Hal H. Hopson
 Noel Nouvelet ~ Quellest Cette Odeur Agreeable? ~
 Touro-Louro-Touro ~ Dors, Ma Columbe ~ Pat-A-Pan
- Christmas Fantasy Clarence Kohlmann
 The First Noel
- Ave Maria Franz Schubert
- How Great Our Joy! Traditional German Carol
with Angels, from the Realms of Glory setting by Paul Ferrin



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

He Came Down Cameroon Tune; arr. John L. Bell
*He came down that we may have love, peace, joy, hope, life,
 Hallelujah for evermore.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
 MENDELSSOHN

This hymn by Charles Wesley was written within a year of Wesley’s conversion. Thus, as Albert Bailey writes, “the inspiration of his newly-made contact with God was still fresh.” Rather than simply tell the nativity story, Wesley pours theological truths into this text. The first verse tells the story of the angels proclaiming Christ’s birth, and the second and third verses go on to make it very clear why the angels sang. Simply by describing Christ, Wesley tells us the entire Gospel story. We are told of Christ’s nature, his birth and incarnation, his ministry, and his salvific purpose. The Psalter Hymnal Handbook describes the hymn as “A curious mixture of exclamation, exhortation, and theological reflection. The focus shifts rapidly from angels, to us, to nations. The text’s strength may not lie so much in any orderly sequence of thought but in its use of Scripture to teach its theology. That teaching surely produces in us a childlike response of faith; we too can sing ‘Glory to the newborn King!’”

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

~ Isaiah 35:10

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR JOY

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 2195

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. 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.'

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Lessons & Carols of Advent

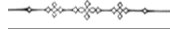
The First Baptist Church of Dayton Chancel Choir
William Henry Caldwell, Music Director

FIRST LESSON – Matthew 1:18-25

Janet Lasley

Once in Royal David's City H. J. Gauntlett - English

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ here little child. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.



SECOND LESSON – Luke 2:1-7

Brad Kallenberg

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen David Willcocks; English Traditional Carol

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day, to save us all from Satan's power when were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name; O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind, and when to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find: O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay, they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay, his mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray; O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface: O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward 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.)

THIRD LESSON – Luke 2:13-14

Bill Wilson

Angels, from the Realms of Glory arr. Reginald Jacques; Old French Tune

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth; Gloria in excelsis Deo. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light; Gloria in excelsis Deo.



FOURTH LESSON – Luke 2:15-20

Ava Powell

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. David Willcocks; Polish Carol

Infant holy infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing; Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all! Flocks are sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory heard the story tiding of the gospel tune. Thus rejoicing free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow; Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!



MEDITATION

"Always Rejoicing"

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

FIFTH LESSON – Luke 2:22-38

Jaimee Ryan

Ding Dong! Merrily on High arr. Charles Wood; French Tune

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swung-en, and i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sung-en. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your mat in chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your eve-time song, ye singers. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!



SIXTH LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-7

Jeanne Kallenberg

Child in a Manger arr. John Rutter; Celtic Carol

Child in a manger, Jesus the Savior, born of a virgin Holy and mild, sent from the highest, come down in glory, tell the glad story welcome the child. Shepherds arise now, go to the manager; find where the infant Jesus is laid, offer your homage, kneel down before him; praise and adore him, be not afraid. Wise men come seek him, Christ, our redeemer, journey to Beth-lem, led by a star. Offer your treasure; Gold, myrrh and incense, precious oblations brought from afar. Praise to the Christ-child; praise to his mother; glory to God our Father above, angels are singing songs of rejoicing, greeting the infant, Born of God's love.



SEVENTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-12

Rachel Powell

Flemish Carol arr. John Rutter; Flemish Melody

A little child on the earth has been born, He came to earth for the sake of us all, he came to earth but no home did he find, he came to earth and its cross did he bear, He came to earth for the sake of us all and wishes us all a happy new year.



The Response of God's People

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#115 *The Hands that First Held Mary's Child*
KINGSFOLD

Joseph is typically the most forgotten person in the Bible. We remember him once a year as we dust off his figurine in our nativity scenes, but four weeks later he is packed away and forgotten about until next year. We all know this tune by Kingsfold, but did you know or think about the fact that Joseph was likely the first person to have ever held Jesus. Joseph's hands were the first hands to have ever touched God.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

3-Fold Amen
DANISH

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land & R. Alan Kimbrough

Three Festive Carols setting by Hayes-Gaspard

"Gloria" ~ "Regent Square" ~ "Mendelssohn"

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



Week of December 12 – 19

Sun. 12	10:00a	.....	Lessons & Carols Worship Service – Advent 3
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Wed. 15	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 16	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 19	10:00a	.....	Worship Service/Christmas Pageant – Advent 4
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities

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. Thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Five Candles - One Hope: An Advent Study
Sundays Nov. 28 – Dec. 19
11:30am-12:15pm in 1st Floor – CHAPEL
Led by Rev. David Coggins

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!



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 Presentation
6:00PM – Worship Service



The historic First Baptist Church of Dayton will open its doors on Dec. 24 for a special music presentation at 5:30 p.m., followed by a traditional service at 6:00 p.m. in the candlelit Neo-Gothic sanctuary. The music presentation at 5:30 p.m. will feature Mary Henderson-Stucky, mezzo-soprano, and Rodney Stucky on guitar and lute, performing beloved carols from several centuries. Both are professional musicians and retired professors of music from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. The service at 6:00 p.m. will feature Christmas music by the Chancel Choir and organist Gregory Land, under the direction of William Henry Caldwell, music director. The service will include congregational carol singing and a message from Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, lead pastor. The service concludes with the singing of "Silent Night," while lighting one another's candles. Masks are strongly recommended for all in attendance.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the *AmazonSmile* Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com) username and password. Search for "[First Baptist Church Dayton](https://www.firstbaptistchurchdayton.org/)" 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](https://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!

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 fbc@fbcd Dayton.org.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2022, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org.

Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks and on the table by the church office. Thank you!

PHOTO DIRECTORY

To everyone who is a part of First Baptist Church of Dayton

We are beginning the process of producing an online photo directory. This has the advantage of being able to be updated in real time. In addition to producing an online directory available via your smart phone or computer, we will also periodically produce a printed directory from it.

You may choose your own family or individual photo. If desired you may choose individual pictures for each of your family members.

Each photo must be identified with a unique email address and names of persons that you wish to appear with the photo.

Simply send your picture attached to an email addressed to RogerEStephens@gmail.com.

If you have questions please contact Roger via email or text him at 937-470-1972. Photos will be added to the directory soon after receiving them.

The updated Directory will be available to you on your smart phone by an Application (App) on your smart phone. Just download the App called "Instant Church Directory" on your smart phone. You may also visit www.instantchurchdirectory.com from your computer.

Using the App or webpage enter your email address (the same one used to send the photo) as the ID. Choose a Password and enter it. The FBC photo directory will appear.

We will build the directory as we receive the photos. A printed directory will be produced when a sufficient number of members have submitted their photos.

Thanks for participating in this new venture and please encourage one another to participate. Those of you who are more tech-oriented can help those who may be less so themselves. We look forward to seeing one another's face through this venue!

Faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis