



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Children's Christmas Pageant
 December 19, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Come, All Ye Shepherds Moravian Carol, 1750
 setting by Sharon Elery Rogers
- Now Is Born the Child Divine French Carol
 setting by Richard Warner
- Gloria David Lowe
- Fantasia on an English Carol setting by Diane Bish



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

#107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
 ST. LOUIS

In 1865, the year the Civil War ended and President Lincoln was assassinated, themes of peace and quiet would probably have been welcome to Americans. In that year, the Rev. Phillips Brooks took a trip to Israel and saw Bethlehem and its surrounding fields on Christmas Eve, which eventually inspired him to write this Christmas hymn. In contrast to some other Christmas hymns that emphasize the glory of God as seen in the grand chorus of angels, Brooks focuses on the quietness of Christ's birth, and how little the larger world paid attention. The final stanza is a prayer that Christ would come and be present with us.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Susan Reichard Family: Debbie Reichard Smith,
 Scott Bellavia, and Jackson Smith

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but may have eternal life. ~John 3:16*

We light this candle as a symbol of God's love revealed in Jesus the Christ. He is the light that shines in the darkness, the Word become flesh, full of grace and truth. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR LOVE

Gracious God, may your love be known to us this day, in this place, as we celebrate the gift of your dear Son. As we join our song with those of the angels and Elizabeth and Mary and countless others, grant us the will and the courage to love one another as you have loved us. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
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The musical score is written for a congregation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near." There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

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Children's Christmas Pageant

ACT 1

The Birth of Jesus
(from Luke 2:1-7)

ACT II

The Shepherds and the Angels
(from Luke 2:8-20)

ACT III

The Visit of the Magi
(from Matthew 2:1-20)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Friendly Beasts"

Pageant Choir

(Following the singing of "The Friendly Beasts" the children will go to Sunday School. Grades PreK-3 will go downstairs to Room 4; grades 4-6 go to 1st Floor Parlor. Parents are asked to pick them up after worship.)

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Scott Bellavia

Micah 5:2-5a: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Debbie Reichard Smith

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Luke 1:46b-55: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

#164 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*
KINGSFOLD

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem tells the story of Jesus' birth, growth to adulthood, ministry, and death and resurrection in four stanzas. This hymn is one of the best poetic portrayals of the life of Christ as each stanza presents a scene in the drama of Jesus' life in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Calvary.

CALL TO PRAYER

#383 v.1 *Near to the Heart of God*
McAFEE

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.**

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

Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Jubilate Deo Derrick Fox

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; Servite Domino in Laetitia.
Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; Serve the Lord with Gladness.*

THE SERMON

"Remember Mercy"

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#97 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*
MORNING SONG

Infused with the imagery of morning light typical of early Greek hymnody, this Advent text stirs hope in the hearts of all who look forward to the return of Christ. *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* is a confession of faith in the sure return of our Lord; His coming again will occur in a blaze of glory, which will far surpass His earthly death and resurrection.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

3-Fold Amen
DANISH

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella French Carol
setting by Keith Chapman

(*) 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!***



Children's Christmas Pageant

Cast

Narrator ~ Pastor Jason

Joseph ~ Chloe Ryan

Mary ~ Ava Powell

Cow ~ Abby Cox

Camel ~ Abigail Owens

Donkey ~ Logan Crowley

Shepherds ~ Elijah Cox, Ethan Charron

Sheep ~ Colin Brown, Marin See, Leon Charron

Angel of the Lord ~ Reagan Crowley

Heaven Host ~ Chancel Choir

Star ~ Meredith Ryan

Magi ~ Benjamin Ryan, Lucas Owens, Sydney Owens

King Herod ~ Rachel Powell

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 19 – 26

Sun. 19	10:00a	Worship Service/Christmas Pageant – Advent 4
	11:15a	Congregational Meeting / Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Thu. 23	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 24	Christmas Eve at First Baptist
	5:30 Music Presentation / 6:00 Service
Sat. 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Sun. 26	10:00a	Worship Service
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	No Sunday School Classes

There will be a brief congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall after service this morning to vote on the proposed 2022 Boards & Committees roster.

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

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 continue to collect these items through Jan. 2.** The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

Holiday Office Hours

Friday, Dec. 24 – Closed
Monday, Dec. 27 – Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 28 – Open 10-2
Wednesday, Dec. 29 – Open 10-2
Thursday, Dec. 30 – Open 10-2
Friday, Dec. 31 – Closed

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" 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!

Annual Reports Due Jan. 3

Annual reports for 2021 are due by Monday, January 3, 2022 from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Please email reports to Linda Blair at fbc@fbcd Dayton.org. Thank you.

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@fbccdayton.org.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

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