

The First Baptist Church at Worship
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 27, 2020



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Pastorale on "From Heaven Above" 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. Jason Alspaugh

*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 5)

#104 *Once in Royal David's City*
IRBY

This Christmas hymn was originally written to explain this part of the Apostles' Creed: "Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary." Each stanza explores part of the contrast between Jesus' divinity and humanity. The first stanza contrasts the grand idea of "royal David's city" with the lowliness of a cattle-shed, and the second, the glory of heaven, from where He came, with the poverty of earth to which He came. The hymn ends by reminding us that Christ has ascended once again to glory, where we shall see Him, as He said: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Listening for the Word of God

*GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Luke 2:22-40: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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.

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

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 6)

#110 (vs.3) *Away In a Manger*
MUELLER

**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.**

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

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prof. William Henry Caldwell, soloist

No. 10 & 11 Recitative and Air from *Messiah* George Frederick Handel

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee. And His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death upon them hath the light shined.

THE SERMON

Rev. Alsbaugh

"In Search of the Joyful Sermon"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

#148 *What Child Is This?*
GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This is a Christmas Carol by William Chatterton Dix written in 1865. Dix worked as an insurance company manager and had been struck by a severe illness. While recovering, he was spiritually led to write several hymns, including lyrics to the traditional English folk song *Greensleeves*. Although it was written in Great Britain, the carol is more popular in the United States than in the United Kingdom. Also, have you ever studied the words of Isaiah 9:6-7, "For to us a child is born" and realized just how strange they are? At first glance, it's a lot to place on a young child or newborn. Picture it, a small child, hunched over carrying the world and Parliament or the U. S. Congress on his shoulders, wearing a crown, perched on a throne, with a very troubled look on his face, as if to say, "What in the world am I doing here?" And yet, this is exactly what these verses tell us to be true, but the only crown was that of thorns. But the thought is still astounding, this child, this baby wrapped tightly and securely, would be the fulfillment of these promises. He would be, and is, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. It is this astonishing prophecy that we keep in mind when we ask the question, "What child is this?"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Alsbaugh

Fugue on "From Heaven Above" Johann Pachelbel

(*) 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

Please Note! Please wear a mask over your mouth and nose, use hand sanitizer, and remain socially distanced from those outside your family group when entering and exiting. Please only enter and exit from the sanctuary and do not go to other areas of the church. If a restroom visit is required, please use the downstairs rooms.

Please fill out a **yellow card** to indicate your attendance, along with the pew number where you are sitting, in case we need to get in touch with you for contact tracing in the event that someone who attends become positive for COVID-19 soon afterward. Adjustments to our service include no offertory, but rather you will be able to leave your offering as you enter/exit. We are not singing aloud, though our musicians will provide hymns when you can read along, sing in your heart or hum quietly with your mask on.

We 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.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, Dec. 28 – Open 10-2
Tuesday, Dec. 29 – Open 10-2
Wednesday, Dec. 30 – Open 10-2
Thursday, Dec. 31 – Closed
Friday, Jan. 1 – Closed

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 make checks payable to First Baptist Church and note RMMO on the memo line.)

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

Just go to smile.amazon.com and log-in with your [Amazon.com](https://www.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://www.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. 4

Annual reports for 2020 are due by Monday, January 4, 2021 from all Board Chairs, Committee Chairs, and pastoral staff. Reports can be emailed to Linda Blair at fbcbdayton.org. Thank you.

Matthew 25 Clothing Bin

A clothing bin from Matthew 25 Ministries is now located in the church parking lot near the garden. Items to be placed in the bin include: New and gently-used clothing and shoes; new underwear and socks; new and gently-used household linens (towels, curtains, sheets, comforters, totes, aprons, backpacks). Weekly pick-ups will be made.

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)



Happy New Year
2021

OPENING HYMN

104

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is
 3. For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by
 4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, and His shel - ter was a
 day on earth He grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see Him, but in

ba - by in a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry
 sta - ble, and His cra - dle was a stall. With the
 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us He knew. Thus He
 heav - en set at God's right hand on high; when like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, and He shares in all our glad - ness.
 stars His chil - dren crowned, robed in white shall gath - er round.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt. (Luke 2:7)
 MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849; harm. David Schwoebel, 2009
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IRBY
 Irregular

CALL TO PRAYER

110

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

the stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

WORDS: Anonymous (st. 1, 2), 1885; John Thomas McFarland (st. 3), 1892 (Luke 2:7)
 MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

MUELLER
 Irregular

HYMN OF RESPONSE

148

What Child Is This

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tians, fear: for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 the King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing:
 Nails, spears, shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by.

haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Luke 2:6-16; Matt. 2:11)
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; harm. John Stainer

GREENSLEEVES
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