

The First Baptist Church at Worship
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2022 ~10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying J. G. Walther
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Pachelbel
Magnificat (Plein jeu) Jean François Dandrieu
A Virgin Most Pure English Carol, setting by Norberto Guinaldo
The Advent of Our God is Nigh Besançon Tune, setting by Richard Warner



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
William Henry Caldwell, Music Director

Arise, Your Light Is Come FESTAL SONG

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#83 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
HYFRYDOL

In one of his many “Coop’s Columns” on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website, former Calvin College chaplain, Dale Cooper, recalls a moment in which he was traveling home to his young family after spending the summer in Geneva. He was calling his wife from Chicago’s O’Hare airport to arrange his pick-up in Grand Rapids, when his then four-year-old son asked for the phone. Cooper writes, “His only words to me— a sigh, really: “Daddy, when am I going to be where you are?” It is this sigh of longing that we express when we sing the words of Charles Wesley’s beautiful Advent hymn, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.” For though we know that Christ goes with us and before us every day, we long for the day when we are with Him in all of the fullness and glory He will bring. We long for the day when we are with Him in a New Heaven and New Earth, when all things are made new. And just as a four-year-old crawls into his father’s arms after an extended absence, so we too long for the day when we will be at rest in Christ, enfolded in the embrace of our Savior.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Emily Crowley, and Reagan & Logan Crowley
Jon & Julie Wolfe

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to

spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

~Jeremiah 33:14-16

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope, as we join generations before us in seeking God's justice and righteousness. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR HOPE

O God, we thank you for the beauty and hope the lighting of one candle can give. Darkness and despair back away from the flickering flame, and there is life-giving warmth. Thank you for the gift of hope in your Beloved Son, whose love is the light of our life. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (See pg. 7)

(Vs. 1) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*
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**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

Jerome Stueart

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#90 *People, Look East*
BESANÇON

The lively tune, a traditional French carol BESANÇON, which earlier appeared with the anonymous text, "Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep," provides a festive setting for this wonderful Advent text. In the last forty years, this hymn has gained increasing popularity, as evidenced by its appearance in a number of

hymnals in the United States. Key images of the season are abundant. "People, Look East" is the direction of the rising sun and, in the history of Christianity, the direction of the coming Messiah. In stanza two, the bare earth is waiting for the seed that will flourish in the reign of the Promised One. In stanza three, the stars that guided the Magi shape the "bowl" of the heavens, giving signs of hope beyond "the frosty weather." The angels' song, in stanza four, sets "every peak and valley humming," an oblique reference to Isaiah 40:4, "Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 8)

(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.**

CHRISTMAS CARMEN

Rev. David Coggins

Into the Darkest Hour

By Madeleine L'Engle

It was a time like this,
war & tumult of war,
a horror in the air.

Hungry yawned the abyss –
and yet there came the star
and the child most wonderfully there.

It was a time like this
of fear & lust for power,
license & greed and blight –
and yet the Prince of bliss came into the darkest hour
in quiet & silent light.

And in a time like this
how celebrate his birth
when all things fall apart?

Ah! Wonderful it is:
with no room on the earth,
the stable is our heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Women of the Chancel Choir

I Sing Because I'm Happy arr. Rollo Dillworth

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I'm so happy, yes, I am.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Into the Darkest Hour"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#427 *We've a Story to Tell*
MESSAGE

This hymn encourages us to go therefore and teach all nations. The text was written, under the penname Colin Sterne, and the tune (Message) was composed both by Henry Ernest Nichol, who was born at Hull in Yorkshire, England, on Dec. 10, 1862. Originally intending to become a civil engineer, he abandoned this desire to study music. After receiving his Bachelor of Music Degree from Oxford University in 1888, he produced a large number of melodies, around 130, the majority of which were mainly for Sunday School services.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Noel ~ Grand Jeu Et Duo Louis Claude D'Aquin

(* 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 worship service! 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.

COVID-19 Update: Montgomery County is in the "Low" COVID-19 Community Level, and masking remains optional based only on personal needs. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated, for both the newer Omicron variant boosters as well as the flu, which is looking to be especially important this year. For more information see www.cdc.gov.

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.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

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.)

Ammon Family	Jim Earnest	Mary Ann Paloncy
Arrasmith/Kerr Families	Neil Earnest	Rose Peacock
Elizabeth Ard	Tim Earnest	Judy See
Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Joshua Smith & Family
Berghuis Family	Bev & Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Linda Haskins	Chas Snyder
Don Brown	Barbara Jett	Anita Suro
Melinda Brown	Karen Johnson & Family	Kaye Suryk
Gerald Busch	Ray Landis	Emily Taylor
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Tami Malone Charles	Janet Lasley	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Gene & Mary K Lee	Sebastian Ewald
Davis Family	Mary Malone	Sunny Ewald
Dilworth Family	Tom McKenzie	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Will Radachi
Domesicik Family	John & Shirley Nash	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of Nov. 27 – Dec. 4

Sun. 27	10:00a	Worship Service – Advent 1
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Thu. 1	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 4	10:00a	Worship Service w/Communion – Advent 2
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	Pageant Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities

ADULT ADVENT STUDY STARTS TODAY

Remembering That It Happened Once:

Christmas Carmen for Spiritual Life

Sundays, Nov. 27 – Dec. 18

Our adult Advent study will be based on this poetry book edited by American Baptist pastor, Dennis Johnson. He writes: "Poets have long given us poems as portals into the stunning event and astonishing affirmation at the core of Christian faith: the Eternal Word has taken on flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. The Latin word for poetry is *carmen*. Over time, carmen formed into our English word "charm." These are Christmas carmen for opening the heart, widening the imagination, and shaping the soul. They are for remembering and beholding the mystery of the Incarnation in everyday life." Pastor Kent will lead conversations on selected readings during our 11:30 Sunday School time from November 27-December 18. Selected poems will also be included in our Advent worship services, too. If you would like a copy of the entire book, it can be purchased from the church for the discounted price of \$15, please let Pastor Kent or the church office know if you'd like one (it may also be available in an electronic format soon).

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA
The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering in December

I thank my God every time I remember you. Phil. 1:3

RMMO is a congregational offering collected annually in December from participating congregations. RMMO funds are distributed as "Thank You" checks to ABC-USA retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to our denomination, as well as to surviving spouses. A certain portion is also allocated for direct emergency assistance. We all remember the pastor or missionary who made a difference in our lives. With leadership, listening, wisdom, condolence or just the right prayer when needed most, their selfless service has a lasting effect. This offering is a way to give back. Please give generously in December.

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. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11. The Mitten Tree is set up in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.

Koinonia Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 9 @ 7pm at the Home of Daryl & Barb Bogan

7610 Rolling Oaks Dr; Dayton 45459

Bring hors d'oeuvres to share! All are welcome!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 10:00AM

This special Advent service will consist of scripture readings of the season interspersed with Christmas hymns and carols. Mark your calendar and invite a friend!

JUST GIVE 'EM THE NEWS

Presented by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks

Saturday, December 17 @ 7pm

First Baptist Church of Dayton



The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a one-night-only performance of this play from Ted & Co. Starring Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught, "Just Give 'Em the News" is an original, delightfully askew, musical take on the first Christmas. Jeff and Ted weave original songs, inspired piano playing (Jeff, not Ted) and comedic theater around a new look at familiar Christmas stories. Admission is FREE, but we will be accepting donations for the House of Bread which provides good, hot meals to the hungry in our community every day of the year (learn more at www.houseofbread.org). If you'd like to help us with hosting this event (usher/greeter, etc.) please speak with Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org).

FBC Christmas Pageant 2022

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10:00am

CASTING CALL !!

Our Christmas Pageant will once again take place during worship on Sunday, December 18th. And this year we are welcoming people of all ages to join in the fun with our children & youth, as we share the stories surrounding Jesus's birth in dramatic fashion. There will be a variety of creature and character roles, including some with speaking parts. There will be angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, camels, sheep, magi and more. So there is surely a part for you to play if you are interested. **We will have rehearsals on Sundays, Dec. 4 & 11 in the sanctuary after worship.** But in the meantime, please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to be a part of the cast (jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AFTER ADVENT PRAYER

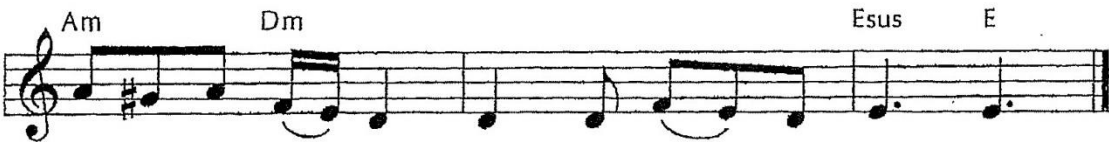
Light One Candle to Watch 85
for Messiah



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the



light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
 light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing;



va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
 tell the glad ti - dings. Let your lights be shin - ing.

This text works best when used incrementally during the four weeks of Advent. It underscores the "waiting" theme of the season and concludes appropriately with reference to Matthew 25:1-13. The tune name meaning "deep in the forest" comes from the opening of a Yiddish love song.

TEXT: Wayne L. Wold, 1984

MUSIC: Yiddish folk song; arr. Wayne L. Wold, 1984

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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;

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

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

while we are wait - ing, come.

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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