

The First Baptist Church at Worship 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT COMMUNION SUNDAY

December 4, 2022 ~10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist



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

#79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

This ancient advent hymn originated in part from the "Great 'O' Antiphons," part of the medieval Roman Catholic Advent liturgy. On each day of the week leading up to Christmas, one responsive verse would be chanted, each including a different Old Testament name for the coming Messiah. When we sing each verse of this hymn, we acknowledge Christ as the fulfillment of these Old Testament prophesies. We sing this hymn in an already-but not yet-kingdom of God. Christ's first coming gives us a reason to rejoice again and again, yet we know that all is not well with the world. So along with our rejoicing, we plead using the words of this hymn that Christ would come again to perfectly fulfill the promise that all darkness will be turned to light. The original text created a reverse acrostic: "ero cras," which means, "I shall be with you tomorrow." That is the promise we hold to as we sing this beautiful hymn.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Michael & Jeannette Cox Elijah and Abby Cox

"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.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR PEACE

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 (See pg. 10)

(Vs. 1-2) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*TIF INVELDELE

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR **PEACE**

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The Right Hand of Fellowship

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

Joseph and Lanie Henry

Joseph & Lanie join by Letter from University Baptist Church, Columbus OH.

Their faith partners are Don & Linda Ginter Brown.

Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship

Deacon: My friends, in the presence of God and these witnesses, having professed your

faith in Jesus Christ, do you now give yourself unreservedly to Christ's service, and enter into the fellowship, the joys, and the responsibilities of membership in

this church?

Response: I do.

Congregation: As members of this church, we gladly welcome you into the hopes, the labors,

and the joys of the Church of Jesus Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in

the Christian life.

Deacon: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens

with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into the Holy temple of

the Lord."

(Ephesians 2:12-21)

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gina Greenwood

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: Romans 15:4-13

Rev. Joseph Henry

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. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#386 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

"Jesus, the very thought of thee" was originally penned by Bernard of Clairvaux in the 1100s. The son of a knight, Bernard grew up with wealth, power, and opportunities. Instead of pursuing these things in his adult life, however, Clairvaux abandoned his earthly luxuries and became a monk. In this hymn we can see how devout and sincere Clairvaux was. The text expresses the feeling of joy and bliss that only Christ can provide.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason 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.)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

CHRISTMAS CARMEN Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"A Christmas Carmen"

By John Greenleaf Whittier

SOUND over all waters, reach out from all lands, The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands; Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn, Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!

With glad jubilations
Bring hope to the nations!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun: Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun, All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

Sing the bridal of nations! with chorals of love Sing out the war-vulture and sing in the dove, Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord, And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord!

Clasp hands of the nations In strong gratulations:

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun; Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun, All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace; East, west, north, and south let the long quarrel cease Sing the song of great joy that the angels began, Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man! Hark! joining in chorus

The heavens bend o'er us!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun; Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun, All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

We Are Not Alone Pepper Choplin

We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone for God is with us, we are never alone for God is with us now, through all our days always forever and ever, we are never alone. And God will make us strong for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us now, through all our days, always, forever and ever, we are never alone. Our God is with us now.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Christmas Carmen"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SHARING OF THE BREAD (See pg. 12)

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Taste and See

Soloist: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, O taste and see,

taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Congregation: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, O taste and see,

taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

SHARING OF THE CUP (See pg. 12)

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING & 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.

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#158 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

In 2007, author Sally Lloyd-Jones released the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. This book for children (but loved by adults, too) tells forty-four Bible stories from the Old and New Testament in such a way that each story points to Jesus. It teaches all who read it that the story of Jesus is really the story of the entire Bible. While Lloyd-Jones' book captured the hearts of millions, her message is not a new one. In 1719, Isaac Watts published a hymnal entitled *The Psalms of David, Imitated*. In this hymnal, he paraphrased many of the Psalms, but in a very different style than many of his predecessors. The order of the day was to keep any paraphrase as close to the text as possible. Watts decided to do otherwise, and his interpretations of the psalms are quite loose, in an effort to write something new while keeping the spirit of the Psalm. His versification of Psalm 72 is no different. He interprets the psalm using a Christological lens. The king referenced in the psalm is Christ, and could be no one else. Watts, like Lloyd-Jones, understood that the Old Testament makes sense in light of the New, and vice versa. There are many different stories in the Bible, but they are all part of the one great Story.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

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!



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.fbcdayton.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.) Elizabeth Ard Lavanda Ferguson Judy See Paige Bartlett Bev & Bill Harrell Joshua Smith & Family Jessica Blair Linda Haskins Judy Smith Don Brown Barbara Jett Chas Snyder Melinda Brown Ray Landis Kaye Suryk Gerald Busch Anna Frances Lasley **Emily Taylor** Mary Anne Chadbourne Janet Lasley Anne Veghte Tami Malone Charles Gene & Mary K Lee Kay Wingham Pamela Cress Mary Malone Military Duty: Florida Dixon Tom McKenzie Sebastian Ewald Domescik Family Arthur Merkle Sunny Ewald Jim Earnest John & Shirley Nash Brittany Kalbfleisch **Neil Earnest** Mary Ann Paloncy Will Radachi

> st Rose Peacock A Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Andy Wilson

Tim Earnest

Week of Dec. 4 - 11

Sun. 4	10:00a Worship Service w/Communion – Advent 2
	11:15a Coffee Fellowship
	Pageant Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	11:30a Sunday School Classes / Activities
Thu. 8	7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 9	6:00p Pos-4-Pos Dinner/Meeting
	7:00p Koinonia Christmas Party (Bogans)
Sun. 11	10:00a Lessons & Carols Worship Service – Advent 3
	11:15a Coffee Fellowship
	Pageant Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	11:30a Sunday School Classes / Activities

ADULT ADVENT STUDY LED BY PASTOR KENT Remembering That It Happened Once: Christmas Carmen for Spiritual Life Sundays, Nov. 27 – Dec. 18 @ 11:30am

Our adult Advent study is 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." 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 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. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Please give!

A Wedding Invitation

Pastor Kent Berghuis and Angie Hoschouer are getting married during the regular worship service on Sunday, January 1st! Everyone at First Baptist Church is invited to attend the service as well as a lunch reception and celebration to follow. If you would like to come to the luncheon, please let us know how many will be in your party and your choice of Cheese Lasagna or Pulled Pork. RSVP by leaving a card in the church's offering baskets, or email kentgelina2023@gmail.com. Bring your dancing shoes and prepare a karaoke performance. Let's start the New Year together celebrating!

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 located 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!

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ 6:30PM

"The Further (Queer) Adventures of Yukon Cornelius" A Solo Art Show by Artist Jerome Stueart Dec. 16-18. 2022

You are cordially invited to "The Further (Queer) Adventures of Yukon Cornelius," a solo art show by artist Jerome Stueart, reimagining the boisterous red-bearded prospector from the 1964 Christmas special, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," as a gay man whose whole life is helping monsters, "Hiddens," adapt to the world of people around them. This exhibit of giant-sized acrylic paintings and smaller watercolor paintings examines queer life and issues through the lens of monsters and heroes. Stueart, a World Fantasy Award nominee in Short Fiction, has written stories to go with some of the paintings which you can read through QR codes on the paintings or hear in a reading Sunday afternoon as part of an artist's talk. Yukon Cornelius was created by Romeo Muller and is in the public domain. A special wall will celebrate Muller, a gay Jewish writer who penned many well-known, well-beloved movies. Event is FREE and open to the public. Light refreshments served. Mature Content.

Where ~ Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High Street (in St. Anne's Hill, Dayton)

With ample parking available across the street!

Formal Opening ~ Friday night, Dec. 16 ~ 6pm to 8:30pm Light refreshments! Come join me!

Saturday, Dec. 17 ~ 12-5pm ~ Gallery is open!

Sunday, Dec. 18 ~ 11-4pm ~ Gallery is open!

Artist talk at 2pm there, but also broadcast on Facebook Live or through ZOOM.

Open for Thursday night, Dec. 15 too if folks can't come on Friday or on the weekend. Just let me know and we will have it open! Note: Stories associated with the paintings will be up on <u>jeromestueart.com</u> by December 10th, if you want to read stories ahead of the show!

JUST GIVE 'EM THE NEWS

Presented by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks

Saturday, December 17 @ 7pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)
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@fbcdayton.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@fbcdayton.org).

Executive Council Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 6:30PM



Christmas Eve
Saturday, Dec. 24
Music Prelude at 5:30 p.m. | Service at 6:00 p.m.

Arrive by 5:30 to hear the pre-service concert with special guests.

Christmas Day Service Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.



Donations for Homefull

Donation items needed for Homefull are household cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaning solutions, etc. Please bring items to church and place in the designated bin in the narthex. Thank you for your continuing support of the drive to provide items needed by those individuals and families moving from the street and shelters into permanent housing.

Support Our Baptist Youth Fellowship Through the AmazonSmile Program!

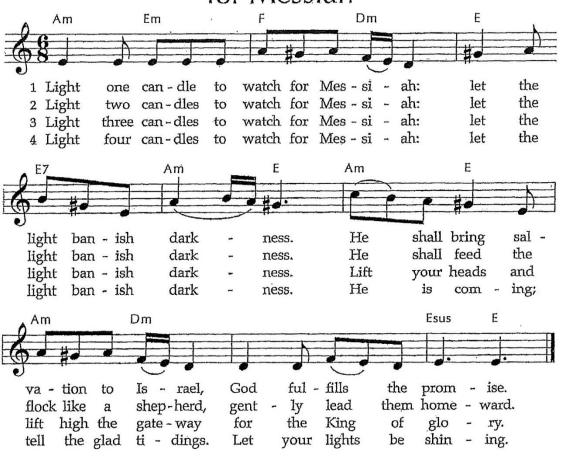
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STEWARDSHIP 2023

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2023, please contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email nkerr@fbcdayton.org. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AFTER ADVENT PRAYER

Light One Candle to Watch 85 for Messiah



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 Text and Music Arr. © 1984 Fortress Press (admin. Augsburg Fortress) TIF IN VELDELE 10.7.9.6

CALL TO PRAYER



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 Text and Music © 1986 Word Music, LLC

WAITING (Cason)

COMMUNION

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