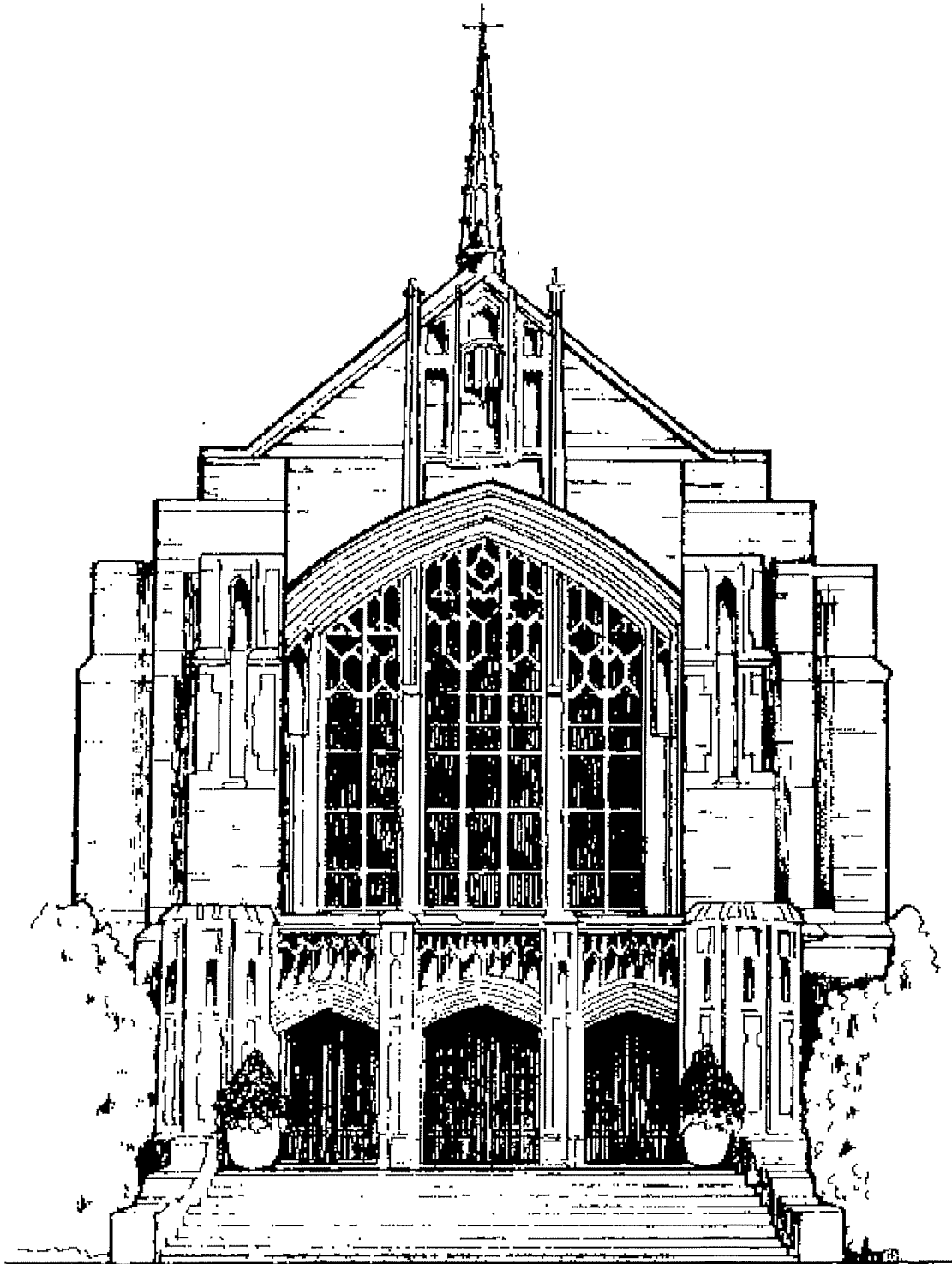


First Baptist Church at Worship
A Service of Lessons & Carols
December 11, 2022





The First Baptist Church at Worship
 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
 December 11, 2022 ~10:00 AM



GATHERING MUSIC

Gregory Land, Organist
 R. Alan Kimbrough, Pianist

- Angels We Have Heard on High French Carol
 Setting by Fred Bock
- Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming German Carol, 15th Century
 Setting by Hayes - Gaspard
- I Saw Three Ships English Carol
 Setting by David H. Hegarty
- Ave Maria Franz Schubert
- O Holy Night! Adolphe C. Adam
 Setting by Fred Bock
- Play We Now of Christmas Carol Medley
 Setting by John J. Hess



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 (Responsive)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Prayer of Angela of Foligno, Medieval Churchwoman

Truly there is nothing so great and wonderful as this,
**that you, my God, who are the creator of all things,
 should become a creature, so that we should become like God.**
 You have humbled yourself and made yourself small
that we might be made mighty.
 You have taken the form of a servant,
so that you might confer upon us a royal and divine beauty.

You, who are beyond understanding,
have made yourself understandable to us in Jesus Christ.
You, who are the uncreated God,
have made yourself a creature for us.
You, who are the untouchable One,
have made yourself touchable to us.
You, who are most high,
make us able to understand your amazing love.
Make us able to understand
the profound mystery of your holy incarnation.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
REGENT SQUARE

This hymn focuses on each of the key players in the Christmas story, calling them from wherever they are to “Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.” The angels were called from all over the earth, and the wise men from afar, while the shepherds were almost next door. As the hymn is sung, think about where you are coming from as you come to worship.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Tyson Family (Lee, Dustin, Emory, Lottie, Laker)

*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 (See pg. 13)

(Vs. 1-2-3) *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.**
**Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:9

Rev. Mark Craig

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-5

Jerome Stueart

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

#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."

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.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 14)

(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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. David Coggins

**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.**



Lessons and Carols

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8

Debby Menzel

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "The Shepherd at the Nativity" by Tania Runyan

Last night I watched another wet lamb
slide into the dark and beheld this same
drowsy beauty: a mother bending toward
her nursing young. New limbs trembling.
Matching rhythms of breath.

The angels told us to praise and adore.
I spend my life trying not to love
such small things. But again and again
I carry my new lambs and name them,
play songs for them on the reed pipe,
bind their broken legs and search for them
in the foothills, until they are sold and worn,
served up, split open on an altar
and I feel my own blood rushing to the edge.

Lay Down Your Staffs, O Shepherds Traditional

*Lay down your staffs, O shepherds, leave your sheep! From hamlets come!
Your flocks will quiet keep, come weep no more, your souls with joy renew,
come hasten to adore, the Christ, the Christ, the Christ who comes to comfort you.
There you will see Him lying in a stable, an infant poor and languishing and feeble;
Oh wondrous love of Him, our faithful Shepherd who comes that we might live;
He is, He is, He is the faithful Shepherd.*



SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:16

Ray Landis

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "Silent Night" by Bonnie Bowman Thurston

The old tradition says
at Christ's birthing
there was utter silence.
The whole created world
was still. For an hour.
Even choirs of angels
went quiet.
It seems fitting
in the infant face
of incomprehensibility

to forego language,
sound, even song.
Into *stille nacht*
that tiny spark,
the Word, dropped
into kindling flesh,
set afire everything
we thought we knew about God.

The Snow Lay On the Ground Leo Sowerby

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night. Venite, adoremus, dominum. 'Twas Mary, virgin pure of holy Anne, that brought into the world the God made man. She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem; the ass and oxen shared the roof with them. Saint Joseph too was by to tend the child; to guard him and protect His mother mild; The angels hovered round, and sung this song: Venite, adoremus dominum. And thus that manger poor became a throne; for he whom many bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heavenly host to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:19

Donna Miles Curry

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "Mary at the Nativity" by Tania Runyan

The angel said there would be no end to his kingdom.
So for three hundred days I carried rivers and cedars and mountains.
Stars spilled in my belly when he turned.

Now I can't stop touching his hands, the pink pebbles of his knuckles, the soft wrinkle of flesh
between his forefinger and thumb. I rub his fingernails as we drift in and out of sleep.
They are small and smooth, like almond petals.
Forever, I will need nothing but these.

But all night, the visitors crowd around us.
I press his palms to my lips in silence.
They look down in anticipation, as if they expect him to
suddenly spill coins from his hands or raise a gold scepter
and turn swine into angels.

Isn't this wonder enough that yesterday he was inside me,
and now he nuzzles next to my heart?
That he wraps his hand around my finger and holds on?

The Seven Joys of Mary Traditional

*The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one; to see the blessed Jesus Christ,
when He was first her Son. When He was first her son, Good Lord, and happy may we be;
Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.*

*The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two; to see her own son Jesus Christ,
making the lame to go. Making the lame to go, Good Lord; and happy may we be;
Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three; to see her own son Jesus Christ, making the blind to see; Making in the blind to see, Good Lord, and happy may we be; Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four; to see her own son Jesus Christ reading the Bible o'er. Reading the Bible o'er, Good Lord; and happy may we be; Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five; to see her own Son Jesus Christ raising the dead to life. Raising the dead to life, Good Lord; and happy may we be; Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six; to see her own Son Jesus Christ upon the crucifix. Upon the crucifix, Good Lord; and happy may we be; Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven; to see her own son Jesus Christ ascending into Heaven. Ascending into Heaven, Good Lord, and happy may we be; Praise Father, Song, and Holy Ghost to all eternity.



SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:6

Brad Kallenberg

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "The Child In the Manger" by Susan Langstaff Mitchell

His presence set the skies aflame,
As through the glittering zones He came,
The Heavenly Child as He swept by,
Snatched one bright bauble from the sky.
The Magi watched the heavens afar,
Saw in the blue a starry stranger.
But He whose playthings planets are,
Lay innocently in the manger.

How Unto Bethlehem Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

How unto Bethlehem this pilgrimage of Kings? What wonder your arrival brings, how strange the royal diadem in Bethlehem. Seek we a King, and honor bear him from a far, His birth proclaimed by a star. 'Tis surely near, Oh tell us pray is this the way? Ah, but the child ye seek so richly to adorn of lowly maid is lowly born, His palace but a stable bare, no crown lies there. Seek we the stable, then, for though in manger laid and lowly born of lowly maid, this day a kingdom is begun and His the one. Then hail Him, King of Wisdom, King of love and bliss, for King in truth this baby is, the Saviour of mankind is He Eternally.



SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10

Debbie Reichard Smith

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people..."

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "The Angel at the Nativity" by Tania Runyan

Oh, God, I am heavy
with glory. My head thunders
from singing in the hills.

This night will come once.
Enough bright lights.
Enough shouting
at shepherds in the fields.

Let me slip into the stable
and crouch among
the rooting swine.
Let me close my eyes
and feel the child's breath,
this wind that blows
through the mountains and stars,
lifting my weary wings.

The Sleep of the Child Jesus F. A. Gavaert

*'Twixt ox and ass, thy guardians mild, Sleep, sleep, thou little child;
Angels all and white, seraphs pure and bright, watching all above the mighty Lord of love.
Sleep, sleep. 'Twixt rose and lily undefiled, 'Twixt shepherd youths all unbeguiled.*



SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10

Jerome Stueart

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

CHRISTMAS CARMEN: "The Wicked Fairy at the Manger" by U. A. Fanthorpe

My gift for the child:

No wife, kids, home;
No money sense. Unemployable.
Friends, yes. But the wrong sort—
The workshy, women, wogs,
Petty infringes of the law,
Persons with notifiable diseases,
Poll tax collectors, tarts,
The bottom rung.

His end?

I think we'll make it
Public, prolonged, painful.

*Right, said the baby. That was roughly
what we had in mind.*

Poor Mary Katherine Davis

*Poor Mary, didn't have anywhere to lay her baby, nowhere to lay Him at all. So she laid Him in a manger.
O Shepherd, there's a bright star shining! Laid Him in a manger within the oxen's stall.
Poor Mary, didn't have anything to give her baby, nothing to give to her sweet.
But there came three Kings with gold and myrrh. Came three Kings with gold and myrrh
and laid it at His feet. Poor Mary, didn't know anything to sing her baby, didn't know a single song.
But there came a choir of angels, and sang to Him all night long.*

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#129 *Jesus, the Light of the World*
WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

“Jesus, the Light of the World” is a Christmas carol with lyrics composed by Charles Wesley. The refrain was however composed by George D. Elderkin. This song is not that different from another of Charles Wesley Christmas carols usually titled, “Hark the herald angels sing” and they both start with this title in the first line of the first stanza. Charles Wesley and his brother John were some of the most prolific Christian hymn writers of all time. They wrote thousands of songs. This song is extremely popular in the African American Choral tradition during the Advent season and is usually very rhythmic and energetic in its presentation.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“From Light to Light” by Rami Shapiro

As I am enveloped in God's light,
so may I be a beacon of light
to those in search of light.
As I take shelter in God's peace,
so may I offer the shelter of peace
to those in search of peace.
As I am embraced by the Presence,
so may I be present to others
with love, justice and compassion.

Blessed are You, Lord of Light,
who shows me Your Way
and accompanies me on my journey.
May I live the day's unfolding
with compassion and foster faith
in the One who is All.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land and Alan Kimbrough

Three Festive Carols Traditional; 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 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 "Medium" 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.)

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

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

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!

Week of Dec. 11 – 18

Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Lessons & Carols Worship Service – Advent 3
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
		.....	Pageant Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Wed. 14	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 15	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 16	6:00p	.....	Formal Opening of Art Show by Jerome Stueart
		.....	(48 High St, Dayton; also on Sat/Sun)
Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service / Christmas Pageant – Advent 4
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	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!

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.

Board Meetings

Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ 6:30PM

Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 6:30PM

River Commons / Homefull Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 16 from 2:00-4:00 PM

144 E. Helena St, Dayton 45404

The FBC Mission Board will once again sponsor a Christmas party for River Commons clients as we have done for years prior to COVID. We are asking for donations of cookies, candy and soft drinks. We also need volunteers to help serve and sing during the Christmas sing-a-long. Please check the sign-up sheet that is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you will not be attending the party but would like to donate food or refreshments, please drop them off at the church by noon on Friday, 12/16. Thanks to everyone for supporting FBC Mission Board projects!

“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 jeromestueart.com 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@fbcd Dayton.org).

Offering Envelopes

If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please contact Nancy Kerr by email to nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org or by phone at 937-222-4691 x. 402.

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@fbcd Dayton.org).



Christmas Eve Service

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 guest Aurelian Oprea.

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.



Annual Reports are Due Jan. 4

Annual reports for 2022 are due by Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from pastoral staff, board chairs, and committee chairs. Please email reports to Linda Blair at fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org. Thank you.

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2023

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2023, 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!



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AFTER ADVENT PRAYER

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 85



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
 Text and Music Arr. © 1984 Fortress Press (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

TIFIN VELDELE
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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
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