



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 December 18, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

- "Savior of the Nations, Come" J. S. Bach
- "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" J. S. Bach
- "Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod
- Prelude on "Forest Green" Alice Jordan
- Pastorale on "Von Himmel Hoch" Joh. 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.

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

Rachel Powell and Ava Powell

The Song of Mary and Elizabeth – Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "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."

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#94 *Tell Out, My Soul*
 WOODLANDS

This Christian hymn is a paraphrasing the Magnificat and was written by Timothy Smith in 1962. It is popularly sung to the hymn tune Woodlands. My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

*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 (See pg. 9)

(Vs. 1-2-3-4) *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.**
**Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining.**



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)

Gloria, Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pageant Choir & Ray Landis

“Just Follow That Star”

CHORUS

Just follow that star...
just go to the east...it's not very far.
You'll go to Bethlehem and by the way
You'll find the baby Jesus asleep on the hay.
He's a very special baby as you will see.
He is the Savior of you and me!
No matter who you are or where you are
Just follow that star!

1. Mary and Joseph didn't have a car.
They took a donkey and travelled far.
When they got to Bethlehem there was no place to stay
Except for a stable and manger hay.

2. Shepherds were watching their sheep that night
When they saw a scary sight!
The angel said, "Shepherds, don't be afraid!
Go to the manger where Jesus is laid."

3. Magi rode both day and night
Following that holy light.
They brought gifts and so do we--
Mittens, hats and scarves on a Christmas tree!

*(Following the singing of “Just Follow That Star” the children will rejoin their families
for the remainder of the service.)*

Listening for the Word of God

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

Jadon See

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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!

Have you ever studied the words of Isaiah 9:6-7 (they begin, "For to us a child is born") and realized just how strange they are? At first glance, the grand titles and expectations seem absurd to place on a child. It's a strange picture - a small child, hunched over like Atlas, a parliament building set 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. Of course, there was no actual building, no real throne, and no crown but one of thorns. But the thought is still astounding – this child, this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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?"

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 10)

(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. Kent Berghuis

**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

Chancel Choir

Alleluia from *The Ballad of The Brown King* Margaret Bonds

*Alleluia! Christ the King. Alleluia! Alleluia! So we sing!
He is Christ the King! Alleluia! Praise His name!
Alleluia! Christ the King! Alleluia! They did sing!*

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"A Reason to Sing"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 11)

Ding Dong! Merrily On High
16TH CENTURY FRENCH TUNE

Originally a 16th century French dance tune, this Christmas Carol has become popular throughout all of Christendom. It can be heard throughout Europe during the Advent Season and is a seasonal favorite for inclusions in traditional Lessons and Carols at many services in the United Kingdom. Today we celebrate our youth, and we would like to sing this joyful tune and allow them to ring their bells and make a joyful noise unto our Lord and Savior on this special day as we lift them up in celebration at First Baptist Church of Dayton.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CHORAL BENECTION

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

Fugue on "Von Himmel Hoch" Joh. 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!



Children's Christmas Pageant

CAST

Narrators ~ Pastor Jason and Ethan Charron

Joseph ~ Meredith Ryan

Mary ~ Sydney Owens

Cow ~ Colin Brown

Donkey ~ Logan Crowley

Shepherds ~ Elijah Cox, Abby Cox

Sheep ~ Leon Charron

Angel of the Lord ~ Reagan Crowley

Angels ~ Rachel Powell, Ava Powell, Marin See

Star ~ Abigail Owens

Magi ~ Lucas Owens, Benjamin Ryan, Jackson Smith

King Herod ~ Evander Pugh



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.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	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
Domescik 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)

Week of Dec. 18 – 25

Sun. 18	10:00a	Worship Service / Christmas Pageant – Advent 4
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Wed. 21	6:30p	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 22	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 23	Church Office will close at 1:00pm
Sat. 24	5:30p	Pre-service concert (featuring violinist Aurelian Oprea)
	6:00p	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. 25	10:00a	Christmas Day Worship Service

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!

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

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!

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



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 violinist Aurelian Oprea.

The historic First Baptist Church of Dayton will open its doors on Christmas Eve for a special music presentation at 5:30pm, followed by a traditional service at 6:00pm. The music presentation at 5:30 will feature internationally acclaimed violinist Aurelian Oprea. He will perform selections from Cinderella by Prokofiev and will be accompanied by organist Gregory Land. He is principal violinist and concert master for the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and The Bach Society of Dayton Orchestra. We look forward to his return to worship with us this holiday season. Please come early to get a seat and hear this incredible artist. The worship service will also feature baritone William Henry Caldwell, music director, and the Chancel Choir, and include congregational carol singing and a message from Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis, lead pastor. The service will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night," while lighting one another's candles.



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

(No coffee fellowship after worship.)



Holiday Office Hours

Friday, Dec. 23 – Close at 1pm

Monday, Dec. 26 – Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27 – Open 10-2

Wednesday, Dec. 28 – Open 10-2

Thursday, Dec. 29 – Open 10-2

Friday, Dec. 30 – Closed

Monday, Jan 2 – Closed



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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](https://firstbaptistchurchdayton.org)" 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 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 fbccdayton.org. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting on Jan. 8

On Sunday, January 8, there will be a brief congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall after service to vote on the proposed 2023 Boards & Committees roster.

Offering Envelopes

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

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@fbccdayton.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 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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 10.7.9.6

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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HYMN OF RESPONSE

10. DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH

Words by
G. R. WOODWARD

16th c. French tune
harmonized by CHARLES WOOD

SOPRANO
ALTO





1. Ding dong! mer-ri-ly on high in heav'n the bells are ring-ing:
Ding dong! ve-ri-ly the sky is riv'n with an-gel sing-ing.



2. E'en so here be-low, be-low, let stee-ple bells be swung-en,
And *i - o, i - o, i - o*, by priest and peo-ple sung-en.

3. Pray you, du-ti-ful-ly prime your mat-in chime, ye ring-ers;
May you beau-ti-ful-ly rime your eve-time song, ye sing-ers.


TENOR
BASS

Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri-a, Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis!



i-o pronounced ee-o

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