

honest advent

2022 Advent Worship Series



Our Worship of God

December 4, 2022

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

The God of endless love calls us here.

**The God who puts-on-skin and dwells among us
meets with us here.**

We come to prepare our hearts and the way for the one who beckons us here.

**We come with the full assurance that because of God,
we belong here.**

†Opening Song

This is Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Lexi Kieffer

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Stephanie Harman & Katie Chancey
Emerson & Elowen

O God of grace and truth, we light the second Advent candle
with the desire for something real.

We want an honest Advent.

We want to know you care.

We want to be loved for who we are.

Help us to reject the lies that tell us we must earn your love.

Help us lean fully into your loving-kindness.

You never withhold your presence from us.

The knowledge of your unending love fills us with peace.

The second candle is lit

Dwell with us, God of Love,

Illuminate our lives.

†Song of Advent

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Scripture Reading

Henry Imler

Matthew 1:18-21

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 pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song of Advent

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Message

Unease

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Preparation for Communion

Love Has Come

Litany of Communion

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God with us

To the One who took on flesh, we give thanks and praise.

Prayer for Communion

Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna among us.

Words of Institution

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

Bread & Cup Shared

†**Song of Anticipation**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Life of the Church

†**Benediction**

We need an honest Advent

Not one of pomp, but one of grit.

A meaty, down-to-earth,

God-with-us kind of Advent.

One that reminds us that life with you is not just cerebral

But one that is rooted in your love

and that embraces all that we are.

So go forth from this hour trusting that the mystery of Advent
and the wonder of God can be encountered here and now.

Worship Notes

Litanies for an honest advent written by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

This is Love, CCLI Song # 7002114 Kathryn Scott | Paul Baloche

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, CCLI Song # 31078 Edmund Hamilton Sears | Richard Storrs Willis

Glory (Let There Be Peace)- CCLI Song # 7071972 Chris Stevens | Matt Maher | Rachel Taylor Popadic

Love Has Come, CCLI Song # 4511102 Matt Maher

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, CCLI Song # 7096082 Charles Wesley | Jacob Sooter | Meredith Andrews | Rowland Hugh Prichard

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 4

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour – Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 5:45 pm Chiming Kids Choir (cKc)
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, December 8

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

Sunday, December 11

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour – Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Christmas Dinner

Announcements

Visitors

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 11, 5pm - Fellowship Hall

We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and excellent side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. To help ensure we have a variety of food, we encourage you to bring a side dish if your last name begins A-M and a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z. The Children's Ministry is working on a simple Christmas pageant for the dinner, and they will be practicing in First Kids Sunday School for the next two weeks. Come feast and celebrate with us!

Christmas Eve Worship - 11:00 pm in the Sanctuary

With joy, we will celebrate the coming of Christ with carols, the retelling of the Christmas story, and the tradition of sharing the light with candles as we sing "Silent Night." Bring family and friends and join us as we worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 pm.

Christmas Day Combined Worship

Sunday, December 25 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary

We will celebrate Christmas with one Combined Worship Service at 11:15 on Sunday, December 25, in the Sanctuary. There will be no 9:15 worship, First Kids Sunday School, Adult Small Groups, or childcare. The service will be an abbreviated Festival of Lessons and Carols.

199 Reasons to Give

Our theme for this year's annual pledge drive is *199 Reasons to Give*, which anticipates First Baptist's upcoming 200th anniversary. Your pledge ensures that our unique progressive Christian voice will continue. It is not too late to turn in your pledge card! Use the QR code to submit a pledge card online.



New Year's Day Worship

We will celebrate New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, with Brunch Worship at 10:15 am and gather in the fellowship hall around tables to worship God through song, food, and conversation. You can contribute to worship by bringing a yummy potluck dish to share. There will be no virtual option for worship on January 1, no 9:15 or 11:15 am services, First Kids Sunday School, or Adult Small Groups.

#kindnessfirst

As the 200th anniversary team planned our year of celebration, we wanted our festivities to include giving back to the community. We discussed making a grand gesture, but then, an idea sparked that we all loved. So, over the next year, we are challenging First Baptist family and friends to perform acts of kindness in honor of our 200th Anniversary.

#kindnessfirst launched on November 13. Each month, our community will receive a new kindness focus as we work towards co-creating a kinder world. **Our kindness focus for December is retail workers.** You can record all your intentional acts of kindness on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby of the Education Building. We have stickers that say, “#kindnessfirst” For every act of intentional kindness you do, you are invited to put a sticker up!



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