



light

"The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."
John 1:4-5

Our Worship of God

December 11, 2022

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Beloveds of God, we gather as people of faith, rooted in God's love.

Our presence in this space and in these bodies matter to God.

God knows all of us and calls us children.

God has made room for us.

†Opening Song

Light of the World

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Ron and Sally Widbin

Today we light the third Advent candle rooted in God's joy.

We want an honest Advent.

You are the author and perfecter of our faith!

Our identity is found in you.

Scandalous God, through Christ you taught us
that we might not please everyone,

But you will always provide room for us to be our whole selves.

Help us to offer that same hospitality to others.

Help us to offer that same love to ourselves.

The third candle is lit

Surprise us, O God of joy.

Illuminate our lives.

Scripture Reading

Richard Hayden

John 1:1-5, 14, 18

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 overtake it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on the Advent Image

Take a moment to gaze upon the image.

Notice what parts draw you in.

What images or symbols do you see?

What surprises you about Erickson's artwork?

The function of light is to help us see clearer.

How has Jesus helped you see your life more clearly?

Sharing of Our Gifts

†Song of Advent

May You Find a Light

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Noel

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 theoretical,

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

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy), CCLI Song # 5607039 Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | George
Frederik Handel | Isaac Watts | Matt Gilder

Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah), CCLI Song # 7163734 Andrew Bergthold | Ed Cash | Franni
Cash | Martin Cash | Scott Cash

Noel, CCLI Song # 7050419 Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Matt Redman

May you find a Light by Josh Garrels

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Week at a Glance

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

Monday, December 12

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, December 14

- 10:00 am Yoga Class
- 5:30 pm The Calling Dinner
- 6:00 pm The Calling Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 18

- 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
- 1:30 pm Chancel Bells Holiday Adventure

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 – This evening at 5pm - Fellowship Hall

We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner tonight 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!

Chancel Bells Holiday Adventure

Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield is taking a group on a Holiday Adventure on Sunday, December 18. The trip is to St. Louis to hear the Gateway Ringers, a community handbell ensemble. The free concert is at 4pm on Sunday 12/18. The group will leave from FBC at 1:30p to travel to the concert. After the concert we will grab dinner in St. Louis and head back. Anticipated return would be around 9p. If you are interested in joining in for some fellowship and good music, please contact Noah via email at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com or phone at 660-341-5418 by Wednesday, December 14. You can learn more about the Gateway Ringers at their website: <https://www.gatewayringers.org/>.

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.



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