



First Baptist Church

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*The Road
to
Bethlehem*

*Advent
2015*

Our Worship of God

December 6, 2015

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand.)

The Second Sunday of Advent

— *The Road to Bethlehem* —

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

We Three Kings of Orient Are
Judy Elliott and Maria Duhova Trevor, harp

arr. O'Meara

Call to Worship (responsive)

Thank you, God,
For giving yourself to the world,

*Not in the powerful and extraordinary,
But in weakness and the familiar:*

In a baby; in bread and wine.

Thank you
For offering, at journey's end, a new beginning;

For setting, in the poverty of a stable,

The richest jewel of your love;

For revealing, in a particular place,
Your light for all nations.

Thank you
For bringing us to Bethlehem, House of Bread,
Where the empty are filled,
And the filled are emptied;

*Where the poor find riches,
And the rich recognize their poverty;*

Where all who kneel and hold out their hands
Are fed the bread of life. Amen.

† Processional Hymn 133

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

† Passing the Peace of Christ

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Chancel Bells

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Wagner

Nicaraguan Doll Ministry Blessing

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Processional

Vocal Ensemble and Percussion

arr. Pearson

Lighting the Candles

Nate Jones

The candles remind us that the “light of the world” is coming again to fill us with light for our journey and hope for our future. They remind us that the “bread of life” is with us on our journey to provide sustenance for all who hunger for righteousness. They remind us of the tiny child whose message of peace guides our journey.

Anthem

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Capers

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the skies, with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look, now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.*

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,

*when, with the ever circling years, comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

†Gospel Reading

Madeline O’Meara

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn’t want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

“Joseph son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

***Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,
And they will call him, Emmanuel.***

When Joseph woke up, he did just as the angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory Angels We Have Heard On High arr. Freed
 Judy Elliot and Maria Duhova Trevor, harp

Message Joseph of Bethlehem Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion

Words of Invitation
A Great Thanksgiving
Breaking the Bread, Sharing the Cup

Thankful, sung by Nate Jones

†Hymn of Commitment 155 O Little Town of Bethlehem

†Benediction

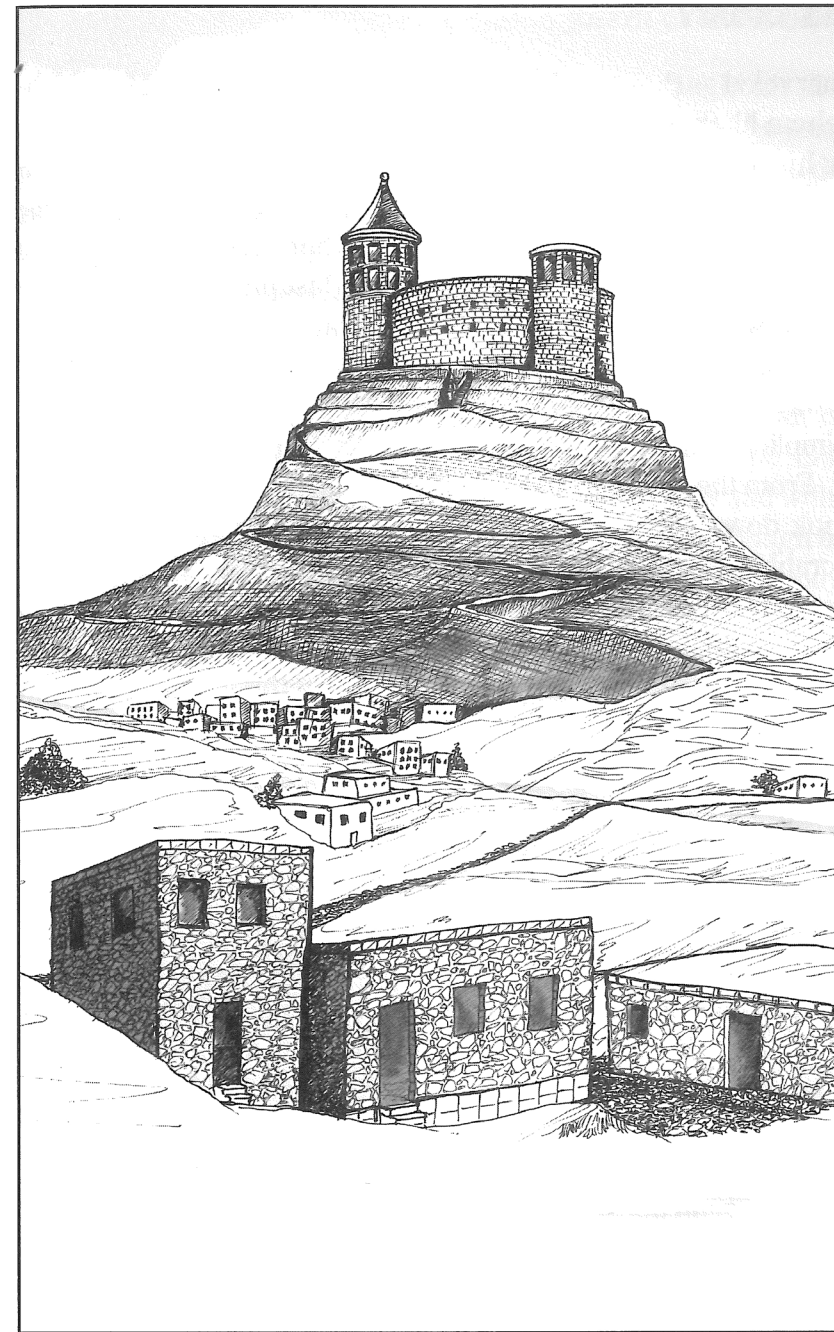
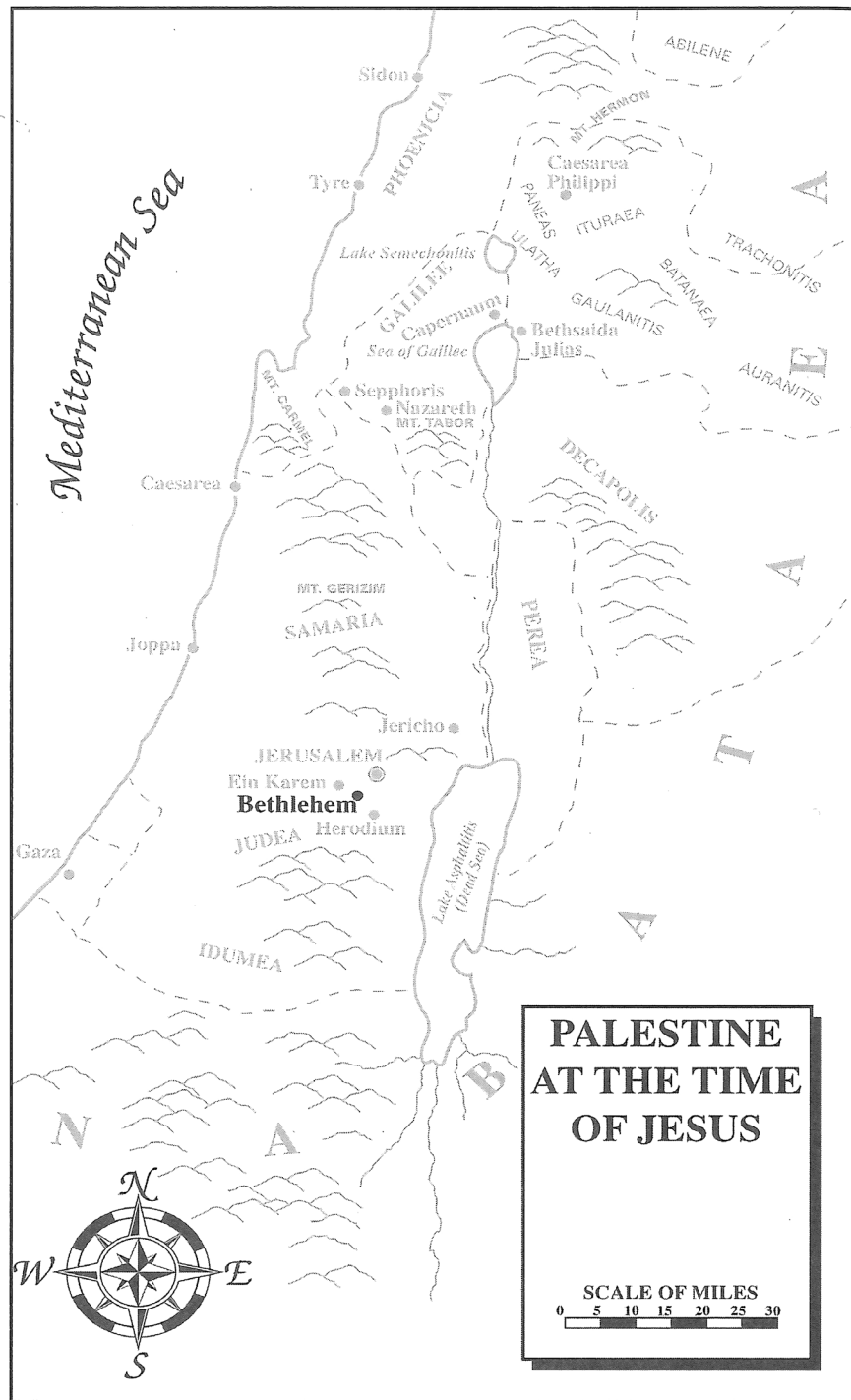
Postlude Silent Night arr. Wood
 Judy Elliott, harp and Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Worship Notes

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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Many thanks to our guest musicians this morning, harpists Judy Elliott and Maria Duhova Trevor.



Herod's massive Herodium, as seen from Bethlehem

Poinsettias

Dave and Susie Bennett *In memory of Darlene Hatfield, Bill and Maxine Bennett;
In honor of their children and grandchildren; In honor of Bob Hatfield*

Michael and Cheryl Brewer *In memory of all who have lost their lives
in war torn countries this year;
In honor of the healing love of God*

Jim and Judy Elliott *In honor of Judy's mother, Betty Eads*

Joe and Oleta Forsee *For their parents*

Kee and Diana Groshong *In memory of: Kee H and Susan E Groshong, Floyd and
Helen Reese, Geraldine Reese Martin,
Ellen Martin Mottaz, Mrs. Dorothy Holliday.
In honor of: Reese, Susan, Natasha, and Tommy Groshong;
Lisa Groshong and Trevor Harris*

Sandy and John Hall *In memory of Betty and Roy Cookson;
In honor of Mirek Henley and Zoe Gandy-Hall*

Ken and Sue Hammann *For their parents: Leona and Paul Zorich;
Margaret and Louis Hammann*

Pam Humphreys *For Bill Krueger; her mother, Edna Humphreys*

Abby Lee *In honor of 2 Mom*

Suzy Lee *In honor of Mary Lou Spradling*

Eli and Beth Marchbanks *For Sheila Marchbanks, whose faith was true*

Colleen Ostercamp *In honor of Gary's 25 years as a chaplain
at the University Hospital*

Jim and Verna Rhodes *In honor of the McEntyre children*

Poinsettias

Deb Carr and Ed Rollins *In memory of James and Margaret Carr;
Betty Day; Carl Breece;
In honor of John and Ruth Carr; Patricia Breece;
Larry and Esther Rollins*

Larry and Esther Rollins *In honor of: Deb and Ed's December 22nd anniversary;
Kathie and Steven Rollins; their niece, Jennifer Showalter*

Keith and Sylvia Roys *In honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-
grandchildren*

Bob Russell *In memory of Marilyn;
In appreciation of his children and grandchildren;
In appreciation of his ministers*

Ray and Jane Smith *In memory of Gertie L. White and Charles L. Rutter*

Andy and Carrie Steere *In memory of their mothers,
Joyce Steere and Janet Grass*

Bob Stewart *In memory of Bonnie Stewart*

Mark and Paula Thomas *In honor of Ray and Helen Abell*

Khaki Westerfield *For her family*

Mimi Wingo *In memory of Sterling Wyatt and William Wyatt*

Sherry, Randy, and Chandler Wyatt *In memory of Sterling Wyatt and William Wyatt*

Koge and Gerda Yasuda *In memory of their Lisbeth*

Ann and Jim Yonce *In honor of Mary Lou Spradling*

Bob and Marilyn Zumwalt *In honor of Marsha Randall*

Announcements

Young Adult & 30-Something Gathering

The next young adult (20-30ish) gathering will be at the Wyatt home on Friday, **December 11** at 5:30 pm. Please bring a snack to share! RSVP to Sherry Wyatt at: sherrywyatrn@juno.com. Please let Sherry know if you need childcare (provided at First Baptist) by December 5.

Baby Shower Invitation

You are invited to a baby shower to welcome the newest member of the McEntyre family. A beautiful baby girl from China will be joining the McEntyre family (and our First Baptist family) in the spring of 2016.

We will honor them with gifts of love and loving gifts for the new addition to their family. Gifts of money to assist them with their two to three week trip to China to meet and bond with their new daughter will be appreciated.

(Checks may be made to either the McEntyre family or to First Baptist Church - please indicate "McEntyre Baby Shower" on the memo line.)

Also needed are the following items:

Car Seat (could be a joint gift), 6 to 9 month dresses (she is just 13 pounds), tights, under shirts and socks, diapers (disposable), onesies, pants and shirts, etc. You get the idea. They need girlie things! Even a new blanket for the crib. Her room in her new home will be lavender/purple with butterflies.

Hosted by Christine Chang, Diana Groshong and Sue Hammann

If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Sue Hammann at cshammann@gmail.com or 445-0167 by December 7.

*Date: Saturday, **December 12** Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm*

Place: First Baptist Fellowship Hall

We look forward to seeing you there!

Announcements

Vivaldi's "Gloria"

Portions of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" will be presented by the sanctuary choir on Sunday, **December 13**, during the 11:15 am service. This dynamic work has been enjoyed around the world during the Christmas season.

Christmas Dinner and Pageant

Sunday night, **December 13** at 6:00 pm is First Baptist's annual Christmas Dinner. Get ready for a lovely meal with turkey, ham and fresh rolls provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts provided by you, First Baptist! This year's dinner will feature fabulous Jazz music by our very own Cole Kieffer and his band A-Frame Trio. And you don't want to miss the Christmas Pageant called "Listen" directed by Anne Bills and Debbie Jacobs.

If you are interested in singing or acting in the pageant, contact Debbie Jacobs at musicedphd@yahoo.com. The pageant includes parts for children, youth and adults, as well as a chorus of singers and singing wise men. Rehearsals for the pageant will take place Sunday, **December 6** at 4:00 pm and **December 12** at 10:00 am.

Staff Open House

On Sunday, **December 20** all are invited to the Staff Open House at the McEntyre home, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Contact the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org for directions!

Fellowship Dinner

The First Baptist Fellowship Adventurers are planning a catered Christmas Dinner Tuesday, **December 29** at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please let Paula Thomas know if you can attend by December 10, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Awakening Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups	Various Classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 pm MU Women's Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm MU Concert Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm The Calling - Student Ministry	3rd Floor
5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili)	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm College and Young Adults Christmas Party	McEntyre home

Monday, December 7

12:00 pm SPIRE DEADLINE	
9:00 am Senior Yoga	Parlor

Wednesday, December 9

5:30 pm Psalm Players	Sanctuary
6:30 pm Chancel Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 10

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert	Sanctuary

Week At-A-Glance

Friday, December 11

10:30 Eat, Pray, Sew	Conference Room
5:30 pm Young Adult Gathering	Wyatt Home

Saturday, December 12

10:00 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Baby Shower for the McEntyre Family	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Columbia Civic Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 13

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Awakening Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups	Various Classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert	Sanctuary
6:00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner and Pageant	Fellowship Hall

11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.
Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.
10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:
First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.
Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.
Adult Small Groups:
Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.
Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.
Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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