



*Housing  
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

# *Our Worship of God*

*December 5, 2021*

*9:15 am*

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

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## *~ Second Sunday of Advent ~*

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**† Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Peace waits for us at Advent  
**Peace beckons us to rest.**

Through peace, God pronounces us beloved.  
**With peace, we can accept this blessing.**

Peace reminds us that we are housing the holy.  
**And peace calls us to co-create a world of gentleness and play.**

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,  
**May peace be born in us!**

**† The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you.**

*As we rise in body or spirit for our opening song, we invite you to pass a “wave” of peace to the people around you and to those worshipping with us at home.*

**†Opening Song**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Lighting of the Candle of Peace**

Nathan & Mariah Keathley

Today we offer the Light of Peace to illuminate the Door of Welcome.  
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our community.  
May peace awaken us to possibilities and lead to greater hospitality.

**There is room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.**

**Children's Time**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Prayers of the People**

Sung Refrain:

*Make of my heart a stable,  
A house for the holy  
A warm and sturdy place  
For peace to live and grow.*

**†Song of Advent**

Glory Let There Be Peace

**Luke 1:67-79**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of  
all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†**Song of Communion**

All Belong Here

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Holy One be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Communion**

**A Story of Inn Keeping: Sharing our Gifts**

†**Closing Carol**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**Life of the Church**

†**Benediction**

May God's Door of Welcome  
swing open just a little bit more.

May Jesus' humble first dwelling  
remind you of the plenty you already know.

And may the Spirit lead you into  
more possibility and hospitality than you can imagine,  
making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you.

May it be so for us.

May it be so for this church.

Amen.

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# Worship Notes

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

*All Belong Here*, CCLI Song # 7112307, Hannah Rand | Lenora Rand

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

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

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, December 5

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

## Tuesday, December 7

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom

## Wednesday, December 8

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, December 9

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

## Sunday, December 12

9:15 am Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

6:00 pm College & Young Adult Christmas Party

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, 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 visitor card at [fbc-columbia.org/guest](http://fbc-columbia.org/guest) or use this QR code.



## Advent Worship Series - *Housing the Holy*

Our Advent theme this year is *Housing the Holy*, which recalls the humble stable where Jesus was born and anticipates the ways in which the presence of Christ dwells within us and our church today. Pastor Brittany has put together an Advent Devotional with scripture readings, questions for reflections, poetry, and breath prayers to help us make room for Christ during this busy season of the year. If you did not have the opportunity to pick up your Advent Devotional, you should be receiving one in the mail.

## First Baptist Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 19, 5 pm

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas Dinner! Since children can be vaccinated, the Church Council has decided we can feast and celebrate together again. To allow more time for children to be vaccinated, we are moving the dinner to Sunday, December 19 at 5:00. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Come feast and celebrate with us!



## Christmas Eve Service

December 24 - 11:00 pm

With joy, we resume the ultimate celebration, our beautiful Christmas Eve worship service. We celebrate the coming of Christ with carols, the telling 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.

## Women's Bible Study Begins January 13

Our Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study of the book *Before Amen* by Max Lucado on January 13 at 10:30 am on Zoom. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, please contact Betty Felts or Marilyn Zumwalt. Betty will send you the Zoom link and the books are available at the church.



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