



*Housing  
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

# *Our Worship of God*

*December 12, 2021*

*9:15 am*

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

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## *~ Third Sunday of Advent ~*

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Joy waits for us at Advent.

**Joy beckons us to sing.**

With joy, we can proclaim the goodness of God.

**Through joy, we can co-create a world of wonder.**

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,

**May joy be born in us!**

**†The Peace**

The Joy 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**

House of the Lord

## Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Dave & Julie Walker

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

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

## Children's Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## †Song of Joy

Unspeakable Joy

## Scripture Reading

Lynne Lampe

### **Isaiah 12:2-6**

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## †Song of Advent

Noel

**Message**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prayers of the People**

Sung Refrain:

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

**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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

**†Closing Carol**

What Child is This?

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

*House of the Lord*, CCLI Song # 7168995, Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

*Joy to the World*, CCLI Song # 5607039, Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Matt Gilder

*What Child is This?*, CCLI Song # 30983, Unknown | William Chatterton Dix

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# Week at a Glance

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## 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

## Tuesday, December 14

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

## Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, December 16

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

## Sunday, December 19

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

5:00 pm First Baptist Christmas Dinner

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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.



## 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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