



*Housing
the Holy*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
SERIES

Our Worship of God

January 2, 2022

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Second Sunday of Christmas ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

The word became flesh and lived among us.

And we have seen his Glory.

Christ came and made a home with us

That we might be at home in him.

The true light has come into the world.

Glory be to God forever.

† Opening Song

Your Name

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

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 overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Litany for Celebrating Christ (responsive)

God, we are becoming more mature,

More spacious in our inward hearts,

Able to bear witness to our hardships and sorrow,

But still keep hold of gratitude and joy.

We know that a great deal of inner space and nuance is required,

If we want to be happy and healthy in these times.

We are grateful for those who've gone before us,
And left record of Wisdom,
That we too might find her and keep her with us,
Learning in humble devotion at her feet,
With weeping we've arrived,
And with consolations we'll be led home.

In this season of celebration
Of God's presence within and among us,
Of the gift of Wisdom,
And of the example of the Christ;
We perceive the story with fresh senses,
Catching layers we'd missed before.

The more we look at the Christ,
The more beautiful he becomes;
Capturing our imaginations with his fresh take on the world,
His gentle way and path of peace.

We are inspired by Christ's story
To keep going despite being misunderstood,
To be a helper in a world full of harm,
To overcome when we are tempted to give up,
To return to prayer again and again,
To re-imagine a world in which all might thrive.

It is Christ's solidarity with us in our suffering,
His meekness and humility that prove to be powerful,
His unrelenting love for the whole world,
That gives us courage to move forward.
For this we give thanks,
And resolve to continue in good work and grow in wisdom.
Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

†Song of Praise

Isn't He

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Song of Preparation

Psalm 84

Communion Liturgy for Epiphany (responsive)

Like the magi guided by the light of a star through foreign territory,
you call us all towards you.

You lead your people across borders of hate and into lands
curious and different.

You strengthen us as we journey,
learning and unlearning stories about one another.

Gathered in your presence, we come to recognize the gifts
of community rich in diversity.

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**

You move in mysterious ways, O God. This journey with you is filled with
more questions than answers. Each time we think we have you figured out,
you surprise us again, revealing yourself in new ways.

In Jesus, we saw your radical welcome of strangers extended in challenging
ways. Ways that disrupt our traditions and unsettle our comfort zones.
Jesus broke religious rules in order to include all people.

He lifted up the sacredness of the people and places deemed unclean.
He cared more about the well-being of the oppressed than his own reputation.
Jesus taught us to rethink your presence among us, but we couldn't accept it.
Resistant to transformation, your people sent him to the cross.

Communion

†Song of Commitment

My Feet Are On the Rock

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Your Name, CCLI Song # 7005511, Glenn Packiam | Paul Baloche.

Isn't He, CCLI Song # 7100876, Andrew Holt | Mia Fieldes | Natalie Grant | Seth Mosley

Psalm 84, CCLI Song # 7177993, Bryan Fowler | Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard

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My Feet are on the Rock, CCLI Song # 7106247, Abbie Parker | Josh Bronleewe | Lindsey Sweat | Matthew Hein

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

10:00 am Yoga Class

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 6

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, January 9

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

Announcements

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 or use this QR code.



“Un-Hanging” of the Green - Today

Today after worship, we invite you to stay and help take down the Christmas trees. We are sad to see them go, but the time has come to put them away. Many hands make light work.

Christmas Decoration Removal – Tuesday, January 4

Tuesday, January 4 from 9:00-noon, we need your help to take down and pack away the Christmas Decorations. For more information, or to inquire about other times to assist, contact Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org

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.

Yoga Returns to First Baptist

Begins on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 10:00 am

In the new year, Sarah Judd will begin offering Gentle Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Gentle Yoga focuses on mindfulness of breath and body, and works on flexibility, strength, and balance, and can be done from either a mat or a chair. No previous yoga experience is required to participate. The sessions will be about 50 minutes and cost \$10 per person. For more information contact sarahxjudd@gmail.com

Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2022. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2022 budget.

Announcing Brunch Worship – Begins February 6

We are excited to announce Brunch Worship, a holy experiment with healing and connection at its center. On the first Sunday of every month, beginning February 6 and continuing through May 1, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service will take the place of our small groups and other worship services for that day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! Children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

We look forward to the ways that we will grow as a community of faith as we worship God through a shared meal, song, conversation, and communion. While this may look and feel different, from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, we hope it will foster a meaningful connection with God and with one another.



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