



And None
Shall be
Afraid

Our Worship of God

December 10, 2017

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

The Second Sunday of Advent

∞ And None Shall Be Afraid ∞

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

The peace of the coming Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Loving God, you clear a holy space
where hurt and destruction have no place,
and a little child holds sway.**

**Clear our lives of hatred and despair,
sow seeds of joy and peace,
that shoots of hope may spring forth
and we may live in harmony
with one another. Amen.**

†Opening our Hearts through Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

†Passing the Peace of Christ

I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors, for as we connect with one another, peace grows.

Song of Peace

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent (responsive)

Misty Phillips

Peace. Peace nonetheless.

Peace despite.

Peace regardless.

Peace still.

Peace where there was no peace.

Peace amid what threatens peace.

Peace with those who feed our peace.

Peace beyond what we had hoped.

Peace that draws us past our limits.

Peace that defies expectations.

Peace that questions what we have known.

Peace that makes a way where there is none.

Peace that takes us past our fear.

Peace that calls us into life.

Peace that holds us beyond death.

Peace that blesses those to come.

Song of Response

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Breath Prayer (based on Psalm 118:6)

The Lord is for me; I won't be afraid.

†Songs of Praise

Breath of Heaven
What a Beautiful Name

Laying Our Fears in the Manger (responsive)

(Take the piece of paper enclosed in your bulletin and write on it those places in your life where fear interferes with the peace you seek for our world and your life.)

We dream God's dream, of a world at peace

**where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
where the poor and powerless find justice.**

We dream God's dream, of people at peace with each other

**where harmony is valued over discord;
where love supersedes hatred.**

We dream God's dream, of peace of mind

**where the anxious find assurance;
where the fearful find peace.**

As we come now to lay our written fears in the manger,
we pray:

Come Lord Jesus!

Open our lives to the peace which you bring:

Let us turn to you, in whom none shall be afraid.

Dona Nobis Pacem

Sung by Caroline Ford

Gospel Reading

Steve Hoell

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Trust In You

Message

From Fear to Peace

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Glory, Let There Be Peace

†Benediction (responsive)

God go before you to lead you,
God go behind you to protect you,
God go beneath you to support you,
God go beside you to befriend you.

Do not be afraid.

May the blessing of God the Creator, Son,
and Holy Spirit be upon you.

Go in peace and love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

Poinsettias

Richard & Susan Hayden

The Haydens, the Colemans and the Toalsons

Gisela Groiss

In memory of loved ones

John & Sandy Hall

Betty & Roy Cookson

Jack & Janet Pestle

*In memory of Jack & Corkey Pestle and
Eldin & Christal Linneman*

The Koge Yasuda family

*In memory of our Lisbeth and
in honor of Gerda's sisters visiting from Sweden & Germany*

Nick, Janet, Lexi, Cole, & Tavie Kieffer

*In memory of Donna & Nick Kieffer
In memory of Marjorie Bay and in honor of Park Bay*

Kee & Diana Groshong

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

Larry & Esther Rollins

*In honor of family and friends
In honor of our niece Jennifer's December 11th birthday
In honor of Deb and Ed's December 26th wedding anniversary*

Norma Fair

In memory of her parents, Chris & Glenna Fair

Ann & Jim Yonce

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Pat Breece

*In memory of Susan Kershner
In memory of Betty Day
In memory of Carl Breece
In honor of Ed Rollins and Deb Carr*

Jim & Judy Elliott

*In memory of Ann Sulzberger
In honor of Colleen Ostercamp & Betty Eads*

Pam Humphreys

*In honor of my mother Edna Humphreys
In honor of my special friend William Krueger*

Poinsettias

Jim & Verna Adwell Rhodes

*In memory of parents, D.C. & Alma Rhodes
In memory of parents Earl B. & Edna Adwell*

Mimi Wingo

*In honor of her son, Russell
In memory of her husband, Curtis*

Bob Russell

*In memory of Marilyn
In honor of his children and grandchildren
In appreciation of his ministers*

Mary Lou Spradling

*In honor of the newlyweds in my family:
Jennifer Moulin & Troy Lee of Ocala, FL*

Randy, Sherry & Chandler Wyatt

*In memory of Sterling William Wyatt
In memory of William Wyatt*

Ken & Sue Hammann

*In honor of our parents, Leona & Paul Zorich
and Margaret & Louis Hammann*

Jane & Ray Smith

*In memory of Charles Rutter
In memory of James A. Rutter
In memory of Gertie Rutter White*

Colleen & Gary Ostercamp

In honor of Bill & Elaine Gortmaker's 67th Anniversary

Gil & Donna Ross

In honor of the staff of First Baptist Church

John Shrum & Lili Vianello

In memory/honor of Ella & Preston Shrum

Dell Keepers

In memory of George Keepers

Steve & Suzy Lee

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Abby Lee

In honor of Abby's staff members

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 10

4:30 pm First Kids Assemble for Program
5 pm Christmas Dinner

Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 11

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
5:30-6:30 pm Church Council

Parlor
Conference Room
Conference Room

Tuesday, December 12

11:45 am–2 pm Crafty Critters
5:30-6:30 pm Personnel Committee
6 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble

E2
Conference Room
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 13

6:00-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Youth Suite
Sanctuary
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Thursday, December 14

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 17

5-6:30 pm Child Development Center Christmas

Fellowship Hall

Announcements

First Kids Music

First Kids from age 4 through grade 5 will present a special Christmas drama, "Breaking News," at this evening's church-wide Christmas dinner. If your children are participating, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall by 4:30 pm for last-minute preparations.

Christmas Dinner

Please join us from 5-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall for First Baptist's annual Christmas dinner! We will enjoy a lovely meal with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Our dinner this year will feature "Breaking News!," the Christmas story as presented by First Kids.

Staff Open House

On Wednesday, December 20 from 3-6 pm the First Baptist staff is hosting an open house at the home of Michael and Carol McEntyre at 1604 Brady Place. As a staff, we feel grateful to serve at First Baptist. This is our way of saying "thank you!" Thank you, First Baptist, for being so good to us and for making our job easy!

Christmas Eve Worship

The ultimate celebration will be the Christmas Eve worship service, the most beautiful hour of the year. We celebrate the coming of Christ with the singing of carols, the telling of the Christmas story, and the tradition of sharing the light with candles to the strains of "Silent Night." The service is a wonderful "homecoming" for all. It's also the easiest time to invite others to worship with you, so bring family and friends to join the worship in the sanctuary at 11 pm.

VAC Family Sponsorship

First Baptist is participating in the Voluntary Action Center holiday program by sponsoring 3 families to help provide for their need of toys, book, games, clothing and household supplies. If you have purchased gifts, please bring them to the church during tonight's dinner.

If you weren't able to go shopping but would still like to help, you can make a donation to First Baptist Church with "VAC Family Christmas" in the memo line. If you have any questions, you can contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions, at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Columbia Handbells Winter Concert

The nationally recognized Columbia Handbells are back on stage for their annual crowd pleasing Winter Concert, Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. The group will present a terrific concert of songs about peace, seasonal carols, a sing-a-long, and of course, the famous bell carol – "Hark, hear the bells..." Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, and only \$1 for kids 12 and under.

2018 Pledges

If you have not yet been able to return your pledge for 2018, pledge cards are available at each entrance of our worship spaces.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings, January 10 through March 7, 2018 from 6-7:30 pm in the conference room. Amanda Jacobs will facilitate the class, which is based on videos and reading materials by Dave Ramsey. You can save \$20 on registration by visiting <https://fpu.com/1053453>.

Worship Notes

O Come, All Ye Faithful, traditional hymn

When God Is a Child WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985. © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.

The Advent candle lighting reading is adapted from a liturgy by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>.

Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant (1128784)

What a Beautiful Name by Ben Fielding (7068424)

Trust In You by Lauren Ashley Daigle (7025522)

Glory (Let There Be Peace) by Matt Maher (7071972)

The Benediction was written by Cornelius “Neal” Plantinga Jr. president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary.

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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 which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

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