



*Housing
the Holy*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

SERIES

Our Worship of God

December 26, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ First Sunday of Christmas ~

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*
Easton Kerns, *percussion*

arr. Griffin

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Hope came to us at Christmas.

Peace whispered to our souls.

Joy brought shouts of acclamation.

Love invited us near.

As we gather around the stable

With the sacred in our midst,

We join the angels singing:

Glory to God in the highest.

God dwells with us today!

† 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.

†Hymn 152

Angels We Have Heard on High

Chancel Bells

Scripture Reading

Stephen Hoell

Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Song of Christmas

This is Love

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Litany for Christ Among Us (responsive)

God, in this Christmas season we turn our hearts and minds to your great love

Which is demonstrated in the person of Christ:

A powerful force for transformation in the world,

Available and freely given to us all.

We echo that loving regard back to you,

And to one another, and to our own selves,

Aligning ourselves with love, and love's priorities:

Compassion, kindness, meekness, humility, patience

Practicing forgiveness,

Letting peace rule in our hearts.

In this way, we build Heaven within us,

In our communities,

In our families,

In our nations.

As, in his youth, Jesus the Christ followed the call of Wisdom,

So we set aside time and energy for learning Love's way.

We commit ourselves anew to the Path of Peace,

To our spiritual growth,

To the generosity of our hearts,

And the cultivation of new life all over the world.

We give thanks for the example of Christ,

For the love and acceptance we receive,

For the gifts and blessings of life

And we celebrate the presence and witness of Christ among us.

Amen.

Sharing of our Gifts

Song of Praise

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Message

Dwell

Brittany McDonald Null

Special Music

O Come All Ye Faithful
Chancel Bells

Spiritual Practice of Yearly Examen

**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.**

†Closing Carol 157

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

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.

†Postlude

Joy to the World
Olivia Chang, *organ*

Worship Notes

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, CCLI Song # 7032707, Charles Wesley | Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy | Rend Collective

Spiritual Practice of Yearly Examen ~ written by John W. Vest and posted on John Vest. <http://johnvest.com/>

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, Words: Macaronic carol, 14th C.; para. John M. Neale, 1853, alt. Music: Traditional German melody, 14th C.

This is Love, CCLI Song # 7002114, Kathryn Scott | Paul Baloche

Litany for Christ Among Us, by Fran Pratt.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 26 -Combined Worship

No Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

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

Monday, December 27

Offices Closed

Friday, December 31

Offices Closed

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

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 – Sunday, January 2

Next Sunday, 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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