



Christ is
BORN

WONDERFUL
Counselor
MIGHTY GOD
Everlasting Father
PRINCE OF PEACE



First Baptist Church

columbia

Our Worship of God

December 25, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

❧ Christmas Day ❧

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship – Christmas Remembrance

Ed Rollins

Prelude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Laubengayer

Let the Celebrations Begin! (responsive)

Like eager children waiting for dawn,
tearing at the wrapping to get the gift,
waking sleeping parents with shouts of joy,
let our celebrations begin!

**May this Christmas morning
find us able to say “Alleluia”
even in the midst of pain and anxiety,
because You are our hope.**

Jesus Christ, come to us,
fill our hearts with joy in knowing

this deeper truth that life contains,
that because You come, all will be well.

**Let us witness not to successful lives,
not to perfect health, faultless families,
highly achieving work, or new possessions,
but to the quiet inner knowing of You.**

And as we gather this joyful morning,
let our Alleluias rise from willing lips,
from lives opened to Your gift,
and from hearts filled with Your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
and Amen!**

†Processional Carol 146

Joy to the World

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

Hymn 166

While by the Sheep

Christmas Remembrance

Steven Potter

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

Hymn 147

Away In a Manger

Stanzas 1 and 2

Christmas Remembrance

Jon Ludwig

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins, 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 for ever. Amen.

One of Us (responsive)

For God to become a baby he had to
Squeeze himself into a small space

Confine himself into a fallible body

Restrict himself to humanity

Reduce himself to limited movements

Become weak and vulnerable

Rely on humans to take care of him

For Christ to become one of us

He had to be born like us

The light was hidden within the womb

The thirst quencher received refreshment from the breast of Mary

The bread of life had to learn how to eat

The one who holds us, first had to be held

The Lover was loved

The Way had to learn to walk

The Word had to learn to speak

The Teacher was taught

The Creator had to learn how to create

This is our God!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
and Amen!**

†Hymn 160

Once In Royal David's City

Stanzas 1 and 2

†Hymn 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Stanzas 1 and 2

Christmas Remembrance

Beverley Lake and Kim Siegenthaler

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the

shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

Hymn 162

The First Noel

Stanzas 1, 2 and 6

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Held

†Hymn 151

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Christmas Remembrance

Carol McEntyre

†Christmas Blessing (responsive)

Believe:

for light is now in the world

Believe:

for God has become one of us

Believe:

for love is born in each of us

Believe:

for the manger is full

Go and believe

it is as the prophets said

and the blessing of Christmas

of family

of friends

and of God

be with you today

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
and Amen!**

†Hymn 152

Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain, Stanzas 3 and 4

Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. Hopson

Worship Notes

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Wednesday, December 28

No rehearsals

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No rehearsals

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New Year's Day

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

Announcements

Combined Worship and Business Meeting

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Game Night – Lazer Tag – Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendars for this all-church event for Saturday, February 4th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers should attend at least one training session – don't wait until the last minute! See <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

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):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

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

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Church Staff

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