# THOSE WILL not keep silent DIREANA 18T Sunday after christmas

# Our Worship of God

December 27, 2020

11:15 am

# ~ First Sunday of Christmas ~

**Pre-Service Music** 

Colleen Ostercamp

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Call to Worship (responsive)** 

Here on the heels of Christmas,

We speak of love.

We speak of joy.

We speak of candlelight and fireside.

We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses.

We speak the words, "Do not be afraid."

Here on the heels of Christmas,

We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this; He has opened heaven's door, And we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save; Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

#### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music** 

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Chancel Bells

#### **Scripture Reading**

#### Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

# The Gospel of our Lord. Praise be to Christ.

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in telling the story—

The story of a loving and merciful God,

Who will not let God's people go;

The story of a baby who grew up and changed the world;

The story of our faith.

We believe in speaking up—

For our neighbors,

For the oppressed,

For the overlooked

And marginalized.

We believe in speaking out—

Against violence,

Greed,

Abuse,

Fear,

Scarcity mindset,

And bigotry.

We believe in passing the mic—

So that we are not the only ones speaking,

So that we can lift up the voices of those around us,

So that we too might listen and learn.

We believe in the good news of the gospel.

We believe that this good news is too good to keep to ourselves.

We believe that those who dream cannot keep silent.

Speak to us, Holy God.

Speak through us, Holy God.

May it be so, amen.

#### **Sharing Our Gifts**

#### **Song of Praise**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation On that blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

#### And he showed me the way

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

#### Message

Rev. Dr. Brian Ford

Those Who Dream Will Not Keep Silent

#### **Hymn of Response 574**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of your tone; As you have sought, so let me seek Your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The stumbling and the straying feet; And feed me, Lord, that I may feed Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things which you impart; And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, Until my heart shall overflow In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

#### Life of the Church

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

# Worship Notes

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*, Words: Macaronic carol, 14<sup>th</sup> C; para. John M. Neale, 1853. Music: Traditional German meoldy, 14<sup>th</sup> C.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak, Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872. Music: Robert A. Schumann, 1839.

Other Litanies from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Go Tell it on the Mountain, CCLI Song # 7165586, John W. Work Jr. | Jonathan Smith | Zach Williams

Rev. Dr. Brian W. Ford

Brian became the Executive Director of Churchnet (Baptist General Convention of Missouri) in May 2017. Previously he was pastor of Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Columbia, MO since 2003. His vocational ministry career began in 1996 & he has served multiple churches throughout Missouri. He grew up in rural Northwest Missouri & is a graduate of J. C. Penney High School. He holds degrees from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, KS, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He is married to Dr. Holly Williams Ford for over 20 years and they have two children. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family, playing golf, watching movies, traveling, reading, fishing, hunting, & attempting to play the guitar.

Songs printed in bulletin by permission, CCLI #1515189 & OneLicense.net #A-707314.

# Week at a Glance

## Monday, December 28

Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

# Tuesday, December 29

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

# Wednesday, December 30

12:00 pm NO Zoom at Noon this week

6:30 pm NO Handbells Rehearsal this week

7:45 pm NO Chancel Choir Zoom Rehearsal this week

# Thursday, December 31

Offices Closed for New Year Holiday

#### Friday, January 1

Offices Closed for New Year Holiday

# Sunday, January 3

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups
Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 Online Worship Service

# Monday, January 4

Offices Closed for New Year Holiday

#### 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, let us know you are with us today by texting "guest" to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text "prayer" to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## <u>Pledge Drive</u>

It's not too late to turn in a pledge card! You can go to our website at fbc-columbia.org for an online pledge card. Click on the link at the top of the page that says "Online Pledge Card 2021."

# Annual Business Meeting - January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

We will hold our Annual Business Meeting on January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom following the Sunday Online Service. If you'd like to visit with other members, we will begin the Zoom meeting 15 minutes early!

#### Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

## Winter Bible Study

In January, we invite you to join us for Winter Bible Study via Zoom! This 6-week course is designed for people who want to dig deeper in their Bible study and grow in their understanding of scripture.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer will be leading the course entitled "Reading Mark's Revolutionary Gospel." Knowing what Jesus said and did has never been more important than in the days in which we are now living. The Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus' revolutionary life and message and we will examine it together. The class is perfect for laity who want to study the Bible at a more scholarly level, but you do not have to be a scholar to join. The course is designed for any and all who desire a greater understanding of the Bible. The only prerequisite is a love for the Bible. Dr. Hulitt Gloer is Emeritus Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University and taught at Truett when Pastors Michael and Carol McEntyre were students there.

The study will be held on Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It will begin January 17 and run for 6 weeks. Contact the church office to register. Phone: 573-442-1149. Email: churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org