



*Housing
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Our Worship of God

November 28, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ First Sunday of Advent ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Fanfare on *Adeste Fideles*
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Gordon Young

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Hope waits for us at Advent.

Hope awaits our trust in God.

Hope prepares us to make room in our hearts.

Hope beckons us to make room at the table.

Hope reminds us that we are housing the holy.

Hope calls us to co-create a world that is just and kind.

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,

May hope be born in us!

†The Peace

The Hope 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 worshiping with us at home.

†Opening Hymn 133

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Children’s Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hanging of the Green

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

The Forsee Family

Today we offer the Light of Hope to illuminate the Door of Welcome.

May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our community.

May hope awaken us to possibilities and lead to greater hospitality.

There is room in this inn, a house for the holy.

Anthem

An Advent Credo
Chancel Choir

by Martin

*I believe in joy
I believe in the promise of morning.
I believe that Christ will come and wipe our tears away.*

*I believe in hope.
I believe in life everlasting.
I believe that Christ will come and bring a bright new day.*

*Lord, in my heart, I believe.
When the darkness falls around me, in the still of the night,
when shadows all surround me, faith will lead me to the morning light.*

*I believe in peace. I believe in a song of tomorrow. I believe that Christ will come
and war shall be no more.*

*I believe in love.
I believe in the grace that unites us.
I believe that Christ will come in glory from above.*

*I believe in joy. I believe in hope.
I believe in peace.
I believe in love. Lord, I believe.*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Making Room

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prayers of the People

Sung Refrain:

*Make of my heart a stable,
A house for the holy
A warm and sturdy place
For hope to live and grow.*

A Story of Inn Keeping: Sharing our Gifts

†Closing Carol 155

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

Pastorale on Advent Themes
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Randolph Currie

Worship Notes

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Words: Johannes G. Olearius, 1671. Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551; harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564.

O Little Town of Bethlehem, Words: Phillips Brooks, 1868. Music: Traditional English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 28 -Advent Begins

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

4:00 pm First Kids ADVENTure

Tuesday, November 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 2

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, December 5

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.



Advent Worship Series - *Housing the Holy*

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas begins on Sunday, November 28. This year our theme is *Housing the Holy*. Advent invites us to remember that just as the star of Bethlehem shown over the stable, the Light of Christ is shining on us, inviting us to become a beacon of hope to others. Throughout the series, we will study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

First Kids ADVENTure- Today at 4 pm

First Kids Adventure is taking place in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm. Registration closed for this event on November 22. If you have questions about the event, check with Pastor Brittany.

VAC Holiday Giving 2021

First Baptist is sponsoring two families this year through VAC’s Holiday Program. Remaining gift request cards are posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. Purchased items must be returned to the church by December 5. Please don’t gift wrap items, just include the card from the bulletin board with your gift. You can make a monetary donation by this Sunday, November 28. Simply indicate “VAC Family Christmas” on your check or offering envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation, with questions at bnull@fbc-columbia.org.

First Baptist Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 19, 5 pm

We are thrilled to announce the return of our annual Christmas Dinner! Since children can be vaccinated, the Church Council has decided we can feast and celebrate together again. To allow more time for children to be vaccinated, we are moving the dinner to Sunday, December 19 at 5:00. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Come feast and celebrate with us!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24 - 11:00 pm

With joy, we resume the ultimate celebration, our beautiful Christmas Eve worship service. We celebrate the coming of Christ with carols, the telling of the Christmas story, and the tradition of sharing the light with candles as we sing "Silent Night." Bring family and friends and join us as we worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 pm.

Decorate the Extra Mile House For Christmas

You can help decorate the Extra Mile House for Christmas. As a reminder, First Baptist is proud to partner with Love Columbia to sponsor an Extra Mile house; Extra Mile Homes provides transitional housing for families with children experiencing housing instability or homelessness. We will collect decorations on the following Sundays: November 21, 28, and December 5. Look for boxes marked EXTRA MILE at each entryway of the church.

American Baptist Churches USA Global Missions Offering

During the month of November, we invite you to give to American Baptist Church's Global Missions offering. Join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. Gifts to the General Fund covers expenses for the work of mobilizing the next generation of global servants, building relationships between global servants, international partners, and mission supporters. Through your support of ABCUSA's Global Missions, church leaders receive contextualized theological education, children attend school, survivors of exploitation experience restoration, community leaders become advocates of peace and justice, and indigenous people access clean drinking water. To ensure your donations are correctly recorded, checks should be made out to First Baptist Church with ABC Offering in the memo line and ABCUSA envelopes are located by the offering boxes. If you wish to give electronically, you may do so on our website. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our mission partners.



Truth in Education: A Teach-In on Critical Race Theory

The First Baptist Racial Justice and Inclusion Team wanted to make you aware of this upcoming community event. On Saturday, December 4 from 10 am to noon there will be a panel discussion about Critical Race Theory at Rock Bridge Christian Church. The term "Critical Race Theory" is a hot-button term for many these days. But what does it really mean? What is the 1619 Project? How does CRT impact class curriculum? How does the media impact discussion? We will be discussing these topics and hearing from all positions as we work toward understanding and productive action. We ask that masks be worn at the event. You can register to receive a link for at-home participation. Panelists include Dr. David Mitchell (MU School of Law), Heather Flemming (Teacher and Founder of MO Equity Education Partnership), Ruby Bailey (Editor of IndyStar), and invited State Representatives. Register at <https://bit.ly/3DqYjTH>



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