



*Housing
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Our Worship of God

December 5, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Second Sunday of Advent ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus
Leme Ensemble
Renan Leme, *violin*
Wendy Kleintank, *violin*
Preston Roberts, *viola*
Nate Roberts, *cello*

Mozart

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Peace waits for us at Advent
Peace beckons us to rest.

Through peace, God pronounces us beloved.
With peace, we can accept this blessing.

Peace reminds us that we are housing the holy.
And peace calls us to co-create a world of gentleness and play.

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,
May peace be born in us!

†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 worshiping with us at home.

†Opening Hymn 135

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Tim & Ronda Wahl

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

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

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

There is room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

Children’s Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prayers of the People

Sung Refrain:

Make of my heart a stable,

A house for the holy

A warm and sturdy place

For peace to live and grow.

Sounds of Advent

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (Give Us Peace)

arr. Tucker

Chancel Bells

Soloists: Taylor Stewart, Mariah Dale,

Jermon Lambert, and Josh Engle

Luke 1:67-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of
all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Anthem

Come To Us
Chancel Choir

by Heather Sorenson

*Come now, sweet Jesus, and take all our fears away.
We have been waiting, and need You to come and save us.*

*Take all our heartache.
Take all our sin.
Show us deliverance.
Let healing begin.
Hear us in mercy.
Protect us somehow.
We are Your children.
Come to us now.*

*Come now, sweet Jesus, and take all our fears away.
We have been waiting, and need You to come and save us.*

*Hold up the weary.
Lift up the weak.
Help us and give us the peace that we seek.
You have been promised.
We kneel and we bow,
waiting for refuge.
Come to us now, Lord.*

*O come to us, Jesus, we ask Thee to stay close by us forever, and love us, we pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.*

*Come now sweet Jesus.
We ask You to come and save us, heal us, hold us, hear us, help us.*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Communion

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.*

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy.*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. [Refrain]*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion

A Story of Inn Keeping: Sharing our Gifts

†Closing Carol 170

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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

Canon in D
Leme Ensemble

Pachelbel

Worship Notes

'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear, Words: Edmund H. Sears., 1849, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1850.

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Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, December 7

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

Wednesday, December 8

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 9

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, December 12

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

6:00 pm College & Young Adult Christmas Party

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*

Our Advent theme this year is *Housing the Holy*, which recalls the humble stable where Jesus was born and anticipates the ways in which the presence of Christ dwells within us and our church today. Pastor Brittany has put together an Advent Devotional with scripture readings, questions for reflections, poetry, and breath prayers to help us make room for Christ during this busy season of the year. If you did not have the opportunity to pick up your Advent Devotional, you should be receiving one in the mail.

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.

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.

Leme Ensemble

If you would like to stay a few moments after worship, the Leme Ensemble will be playing two additional pieces after the postlude.

Por Una Cabeza

Gardel

All I Want for Christmas is You

Carey



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