



*Housing
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Our Worship of God

December 12, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Third Sunday of Advent ~

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful
Psalm Players

arr. Larson

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Joy waits for us at Advent.

Joy beckons us to sing.

With joy, we can proclaim the goodness of God.

Through joy, we can co-create a world of wonder.

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,

May joy be born in us!

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Erik Potter & Vicki Vieira-Potter
Gabriella & Gus

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

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

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

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

Scripture and Song Isaiah 12:2-6 with *Water Freely Flowing*

Andrea Weingartner

*With water freely flowing we celebrate new birth,
In sacred sign expressing God's love for all on earth.
The Well of Living Water springs up for us this day;
Engulfed by love's acceptance, our fears are washed away.*

Isaiah 12:2-3

Surely God is my salvation;

 I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
 he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*The Spirit, swiftly soaring, descending as a dove,
Conveys the startling Presence on all whose vow is love.
The Breath of God within us enlivens and sustains,
Beyond this rite of passage with us always remains.*

Isaiah 12:4-5

And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,
 call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
 proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
 let this be known in all the earth.

*By water and the Spirit baptized in Christ, we rise
To walk new paths unfolding before our opened eyes.
We journey from this moment, faith's pilgrimage embrace.
By Spirit and by water we feel and sense God's grace.*

Isaiah 12:6

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Baptism

Candidate

Kris Dallman

Response of the Congregation (unison)

**We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.**

Children's Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sings release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Come, thou Savior of the world;
come to us, we pray.*

Cast our sin and enter in; come to us today.

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne!*

Come Jesus, Lord Jesus, Lord, we pray.

A Story of Inn Keeping: Sharing our Gifts

†Hymn 163

Lo! How a Rose E're Blooming

Message

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 joy to live and grow.*

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.

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

Angels, We Have Heard on High

arr. Shackley

Worship Notes

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming, Words: German Carol, 16th C; sts. 1, 2, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.; st. 3, tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1875. Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609.

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Week at a Glance

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

Tuesday, December 14

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

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 16

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, December 19

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

5:00 pm First Baptist Christmas Dinner

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.



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.



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