



*Housing
the Holy*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Our Worship of God

December 19, 2021

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Fourth Sunday of Advent ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Helvey

Kaitlyn Landers, Taylor Stewart, Mariah Dale, *vocals*

Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Love waits for us at Advent.

Love beckons us to care.

Love calls us to show compassion
to our neighbors and ourselves.

Love casts out all fear.

Because of love, we widen our hospitality.

With love, we co-create a world where all have space to thrive.

As we wait for the birth of Jesus,

May love be born in us.

† The Peace

The Love 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 worshipping with us at home.

†Hymn 174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Lighting of the Candle of Love

John & Sandy Hall

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

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

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

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

Children’s Time

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Sounds of Christmas

Carol of the Bells

arr. Wagner

Chancel Bells

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sung Refrain:

*Make of my heart a stable,
A house for the holy
A warm and sturdy place
For love 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.

A Story of Inn Keeping: Sharing our Gifts

Anthem

Once in Royal David's City
Chancel Choir

arr. Helvey

*Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ the little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
Lived on earth, our Savior holy.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.*

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Closing Carol 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

Joy to the World
with Bach's Prelude in C
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Matt Limbaugh

Worship Notes

Angels from the Realms of Glory, Words: James Montgomery, 1816, 185, alt. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867.

O Come, All Ye Faithful, Words: Latin Hymn, attr. John F. Wade, 1751; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841.
Music: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1851.

Week at a Glance

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

1:00 pm First Baptist Hiking Club at Capen Park

5:00 pm First Baptist Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 21

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

Wednesday, December 22

6:00 pm The Calling Christmas Party at the McEntyre's

6:30 pm Bell Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, December 24

Offices Closed

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 26 -Combined Worship

No Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

Monday, December 27

Offices Closed

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 – Tonight at 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!

First Baptist Hiking Club – Today at 1:00 pm

First Baptist Hiking Club will meet Sunday at 1:00 pm at **Capen Park**, which is right off Rock Quarry Road. This is a good way to work up an appetite before the Christmas Dinner! Meet at the Capen Parking Lot at 1600 Capen Park Dr. The group will walk just under 2 miles, through grassy areas, wooded areas, and by a creek. The initial route will be a narrow loop on flat and grassy terrain.

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.

Come early at 10:30 pm and enjoy pre-service music and treats from Congregation Beth Shalom.

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.

Combined Worship - December 26, 11:15 am

On December 26, we will come together for Combined Worship at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary to celebrate the First Sunday of Christmas. Small Groups will meet as usual. There will be no 9:15 am worship service.

Yoga Returns to First Baptist

Begins on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 10:00 am

In the new year, Sarah Judd will begin offering Gentle Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Gentle Yoga focuses on mindfulness of breath and body, and works on flexibility, strength, and balance, and can be done from either a mat or a chair. No previous yoga experience is required to participate. The sessions will be about 50 minutes and cost \$10 per person. For more information contact sarahxjudd@gmail.com

Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am

Join us Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2022. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2022 budget.

Announcing Brunch Worship – Begins February 6

We are excited to announce Brunch Worship, a holy experiment with healing and connection at its center. On the first Sunday of every month, beginning February 6 and continuing through May 1, First Baptist will gather for worship around a meal and communion at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. This worship service will take the place of our small groups and other worship services for that day. You are invited to contribute to worship by bringing whatever entrée, dessert, fruit, salad, muffin, or store-bought contribution you want to make! Children and youth are invited to be full participants in Brunch Worship. Childcare will continue to be available for children from birth through kindergarten. A Virtual Brunch Worship option will be available via Zoom for our church family who cannot join us in person.

We look forward to the ways that we will grow as a community of faith as we worship God through a shared meal, song, conversation, and communion. While this may look and feel different, from other worship services and fellowship opportunities, we hope it will foster a meaningful connection with God and with one another.



First Baptist Church

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