



And None
Shall be
Afraid

Our Worship of God

December 10, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

The Second Sunday of Advent

∞ And None Shall Be Afraid ∞

Greeting

Pastor Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

Today we seek peace in the midst of fear.
With God all things are possible.

Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

Stanza 1 (See 7th page of bulletin)

Prelude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Pachelbel

Call to Worship (responsive)

The peace of the coming Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Loving God, you clear a holy space
where hurt and destruction have no place,
and a little child holds sway.
Clear our lives of hatred and despair,
sow seeds of joy and peace,**

**that shoots of hope may spring forth
and we may live in harmony
with one another. Amen.**

†Processional Carol

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven’s all gracious King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*(Choir only) O ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!*

*(All) For lo! the days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors, for as we connect with one another, peace grows.



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the
 weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -
 afraid.

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent (responsive) Sarah Banton and Abby Lee

Peace. Peace nonetheless.

Peace despite.

Peace regardless.

Peace still.

Peace where there was no peace.

Peace amid what threatens peace.

Peace with those who feed our peace.

Peace beyond what we had hoped.

Peace that draws us past our limits.

Peace that defies expectations.

Peace that questions what we have known.

Peace that makes a way where there is none.

Peace that takes us past our fear.

Peace that calls us into life.

Peace that holds us beyond death.

Peace that blesses those to come.



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Breath Prayer (based on Psalm 118:6)

The Lord is for me; I won't be afraid.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 sins, 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 for ever. Amen.

Dona Nobis Pacem

Sung by Caroline Ford

Grant Us Peace

Peace in the Midst of Fear (responsive)

(Take the piece of paper enclosed in your bulletin and write on it those places in your life where fear interferes with the peace you seek for our world and your life.)

We dream God's dream, of a world at peace

**where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
where the poor and powerless find justice.**

We dream God's dream, of people at peace with each other

**where harmony is valued over discord;
where love supersedes hatred.**

We dream God's dream, of peace of mind
where the anxious find assurance;
where the fearful find peace.

As we come now to lay our written fears in the manger,
we pray:

Come Lord Jesus!

Open our lives to the peace which you bring:

Let us turn to you, in whom none shall be afraid.

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

Lantz

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us your peace.

Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us your peace.

Gospel Reading

Casey Englebrecht

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

† Hymn 155

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Message

From Fear to Peace

Carol McEntyre

† Hymn of Commitment

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 10

4:30 pm First Kids Assemble for Program
5 pm Christmas Dinner

Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 11

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
5:30-6:30 pm Church Council

Parlor
Conference Room
Conference Room

Tuesday, December 12

11:45 am–2 pm Crafty Critters
5:30-6:30 pm Personnel Committee
6 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble

E2
Conference Room
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 13

6:00-7:15 pm The Calling for Youth
5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal
6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Youth Suite
Sanctuary
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Thursday, December 14

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 17

5-6:30 pm Child Development Center Christmas

Fellowship Hall

Poinsettias

Richard & Susan Hayden

The Haydens, the Colemans and the Toalsons

Gisela Groiss

In memory of loved ones

John & Sandy Hall

Betty & Roy Cookson

Jack & Janet Pestle

*In memory of Jack & Corkey Pestle and
Eldin & Christal Linneman*

The Koge Yasuda family

*In memory of our Lisbeth and
in honor of Gerda's sisters visiting from Sweden & Germany*

Nick, Janet, Lexi, Cole, & Tavie Kieffer

*In memory of Donna & Nick Kieffer
In memory of Marjorie Bay and in honor of Park Bay*

Kee & Diana Groshong

*In memory of Kee H. and Susan E. Groshong
In memory of Floyd and Helen Reese
In memory of Geraldine Reese Martin
In memory of Ellen Martin Mottaz
In memory of Mrs. Dorothy Holliday
In honor of Reese, Susan, Natasha and Thomas Groshong
In honor of Lisa Groshong and Trevor Harris*

Larry & Esther Rollins

*In honor of family and friends
In honor of our niece Jennifer's December 11th birthday
In honor of Deb and Ed's December 26th wedding anniversary*

Norma Fair

In memory of her parents, Chris & Glenna Fair

Ann & Jim Yonce

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Pat Breece

*In memory of Susan Kershner
In memory of Betty Day
In memory of Carl Breece
In honor of Ed Rollins and Deb Carr*

Jim & Judy Elliott

*In memory of Ann Sulzberger
In honor of Colleen Ostercamp & Betty Eads*

Pam Humphreys

*In honor of my mother Edna Humphreys
In honor of my special friend William Krueger*

Poinsettias

Jim & Verna Adwell Rhodes

*In memory of parents, D.C. & Alma Rhodes
In memory of parents Earl B. & Edna Adwell*

Mimi Wingo

*In honor of her son, Russell
In memory of her husband, Curtis*

Bob Russell

*In memory of Marilyn
In honor of his children and grandchildren
In appreciation of his ministers*

Mary Lou Spradling

*In honor of the newlyweds in my family:
Jennifer Moulin & Troy Lee of Ocala, FL*

Randy, Sherry & Chandler Wyatt

*In memory of Sterling William Wyatt
In memory of William Wyatt*

Ken & Sue Hammann

*In honor of our parents, Leona & Paul Zorich
and Margaret & Louis Hammann*

Jane & Ray Smith

*In memory of Charles Rutter
In memory of James A. Rutter
In memory of Gertie Rutter White*

Colleen & Gary Ostercamp

In honor of Bill & Elaine Gortmaker's 67th Anniversary

Gil & Donna Ross

In honor of the staff of First Baptist Church

John Shrum & Lili Vianello

In memory/honor of Ella & Preston Shrum

Dell Keepers

In memory of George Keepers

Steve & Suzy Lee

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Abby Lee

In honor of Abby's staff members

Announcements

First Kids Music

First Kids from age 4 through grade 5 will present a special Christmas drama, "Breaking News," at this evening's church-wide Christmas dinner. If your children are participating, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall by 4:30 pm for last-minute preparations.

Christmas Dinner

Please join us from 5-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall for First Baptist's annual Christmas dinner! We will enjoy a lovely meal with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and wonderful side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. Our dinner this year will feature "Breaking News!," the Christmas story as presented by First Kids.

Staff Open House

On Wednesday, December 20 from 3-6 pm the First Baptist staff is hosting an open house at the home of Michael and Carol McEntyre at 1604 Brady Place. As a staff, we feel grateful to serve at First Baptist. This is our way of saying "thank you!" Thank you, First Baptist, for being so good to us and for making our job easy!

Christmas Eve Worship

The ultimate celebration will be the Christmas Eve worship service, the most beautiful hour of the year. We celebrate the coming of Christ with the singing of carols, the telling of the Christmas story, and the tradition of sharing the light with candles to the strains of "Silent Night." The service is a wonderful "homecoming" for all. It's also the easiest time to invite others to worship with you, so bring family and friends to join the worship in the sanctuary at 11 pm.

VAC Family Sponsorship

First Baptist is participating in the Voluntary Action Center holiday program by sponsoring 3 families to help provide for their need of toys, book, games, clothing and household supplies. If you have purchased gifts, please bring them to the church during tonight's dinner.

If you weren't able to go shopping but would still like to help, you can make a donation to First Baptist Church with "VAC Family Christmas" in the memo line. If you have any questions, you can contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions, at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

Columbia Handbells Winter Concert

The nationally recognized Columbia Handbells are back on stage for their annual crowd pleasing Winter Concert, Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. The group will present a terrific concert of songs about peace, seasonal carols, a sing-a-long, and of course, the famous bell carol – "Hark, hear the bells..." Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, and only \$1 for kids 12 and under.

2018 Pledges

If you have not yet been able to return your pledge for 2018, pledge cards are available at each entrance of our worship spaces.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings, January 10 through March 7, 2018 from 6-7:30 pm in the conference room. Amanda Jacobs will facilitate the class, which is based on videos and reading materials by Dave Ramsey. You can save \$20 on registration by visiting <https://fpu.com/1053453>.

Worship Notes

When God Is a Child WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985. MUSIC: Joan Collier Fogg, 1987. © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.

Light Dawns TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001. MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 200. Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc. Music © 2000 William P. Rowan (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

The Advent candle lighting reading is adapted from a liturgy by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>.

The Benediction was written by Cornelius “Neal” Plantinga Jr. president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Today’s scripture reader, Casey Englebrecht, is originally from Independence, Missouri, and later moved to Blue Springs, MO. She went to school for respiratory therapy in Kansas City, Kansas after taking general classes in Lees Summit. Casey worked in Missouri for a while before moving to North Dakota for almost 6 years; she then took on two travel assignments before landing at MU hospital. Casey likes to sing, and is trying to learn to play the guitar.

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

*For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers
Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.*

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

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