

Calm
and 
Bright



Our Worship of God

December 2, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✻ The First Sunday of Advent ✻ Calm and Bright

Prelude In Ducli Jubilo arr. Lachenaeur

Welcome Carol McEntyre

Seeking Peace

Isn't He Jen Boeckman and Shelby Myers

Advent Theme Interpretation Ed Rollins Calm and Bright

Gathering Around the Table
Words of Invitation

Come, for the way has been lit before you.
Come and take in and take on the peace of Christ
that is being reborn in us today.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy God, in the beginning you called out, “Let there be light!”
Just as your light of creation spread in response, so too does your light rise each day, offering us a new chance to make today a little brighter than yesterday. When we feel overcome or succumb to the dark night of our souls, you offer us a way back into the light of hope. And so we praise you,

**You are the Light. You are our God,
piercing the dark night.
Blessed are the ones,
shining their lights, now in your name!**

A star appeared on a silent and holy night and brought with it your peace, joy, love and hope in the form of a baby. This holy infant, tender and mild, was a sign of new life, a sign of holy vulnerability, a sign of your presence enfleshed in our human form. This would be the light that showed forth the truth that all humanity *IS* beloved and called us to care for each one *AS* beloved.

Jesus gathered people around tables and showed them their radiance. Jesus gathers us around this table and says, “This bread and this cup are my life and light for you. And because I shine in you, let your light shine for the world.”

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ’s offering of salvation:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts. Transform us into the Light of your Love for all and make us one in you.

Thanks and praise be to the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! **Amen!**

Communion

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the dark.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Anthem

Pacem

Dengler

*Dona, dona nobis pacem.
(Grant us Peace)*

*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
(and on Earth, Peace to all of goodwill)*

A Moment of “Calm and Bright” Russ Scott, Eli Marchbanks, Khaki Westerfield

Silent Night

Scripture Reading

Eli Marchbanks

Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:2, 6-7

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word
of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† Hymn 133

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

The Hanging of the Green

Lighting the First Advent Candle (responsive)

Susan & Richard Hayden

We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle,
anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.
Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today
to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace
in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**Fill us with your peace and light,
make the world so calm and bright.**

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Response 135

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Carol of the Birds

arr. Jordan

†Advent Affirmation of Faith (unison)

I believe in the spirit of Christmas,
For it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Whose birth it celebrates;
I believe in the lights of Christmas,
For they remind me of Him who is the light of the world;
I believe in the greenery of Christmas,
For it symbolizes the eternal lights of those in Christ;
I believe in giving gifts at Christmas,
For Jesus said we must become children
To enter the kingdom of heaven.
And I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth
Among persons of good will;
Lord hasten it's coming through me. Amen

†Benediction (Unison)

Go with God into this day,
May the Spirit guide your way
Offer peace to all you greet
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 2

4 pm First Kids' Music

Sanctuary

Monday, December 3

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3 pm Staff meeting

Library

5:30-7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

Library

Tuesday, December 4

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, December 6

5:30 pm Finance Committee

Conference Room

6 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 7

7 pm Odyssey Chamber Music Series

Sanctuary

Announcements

Advent 2018 – Calm and Bright

Something holy takes place each Christmas Eve at First Baptist when we gather at 11 pm for worship. For our final act of worship, we surround the sanctuary with candlelight and sing together the beautiful carol, “Silent Night.” This year marks the 200th anniversary of the writing of this carol, and in commemoration, we have designed our Advent theme around the words, “Calm and Bright.” In our Advent worship we will explore the implications of a world that finds peace in Christ and of a world that radiates the light of Christ’s presence. Join us as we wait the coming of Christ’s light and the dawn of redeeming grace.

Christmas Dinner, Sunday, December 16

You are invited to celebrate the season with us Sunday evening, December 16 beginning at 5:00pm for First Baptist’s annual Christmas dinner. Come prepared for 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 (ugly Christmas outfits are encouraged).

Contemplative Advent Small Group

This Advent, beginning December 2, Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident, will be leading a contemplative small group during the 10:15am Spiritual Formation hour. During the small group, they will engage in the spiritual practices of Lectio Divina and centering prayer and have conversations about contemplative living. For more information or to sign up contact Brittany at bnull@fbc-columbia.org

VAC Holiday Gift Program

The VAC Holiday Gift Program at First Baptist has begun. Through Voluntary Action Center, First Baptist adopts several families who need help with Christmas gifts. We will collect gifts through Sunday, December 9. Check the bulletin board in the Children's Building Hallway to find items to purchase for our adopted families.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series: *Winter Fantasy*

The Odyssey Chamber Music Series presents *Winter Fantasy* on Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm, with a pre-concert performance by the Thornbrook Piano Trio at 6:45 pm. Rachmaninoff's music is full of bells, which can be heard prominently in his two piano work, Suite No. 1, Op. 5, known as *Fantasie-Tableaux*. This program will also feature DRAX, and various percussion and saxophone ensembles in holiday tunes and more!

Columbia Handbells Ensemble Winter Concerts

The Columbia Handbells Ensemble will be holding their winter concert at First Baptist Church on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. They will be performing some selections with the Columbia Youth Chorus. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and \$1.00 for children under 12. Contact Ed Rollins or Noah Hartsfield for tickets and more information.

Columbia Handbells Ensemble will also be performing a free concert on Saturday, December 8 at 7:30pm in Hermann, Missouri at St. George Catholic Church.

Christmas Poinsettia Honors and Memorials

Joe & Oleta Forsee in honor of our children.

Robert & Marilyn Zumwalt in honor of Rob, Jaime, Sophia & William Zumwalt.

Ed & Betty Felts in memory of our parents, Doil & Adalene Felts, and Buford & Opal Butler.

Gil & Donna Ross in honor of our new great-grandson, Westley Reddick.

Khaki Westerfield in honor of Jim & Miriam Butt, and the Yasuda family.

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

Michael & Cheryl Brewer in honor of Michael's big birthday this season and in memory of all those who lost their lives on Earth sadly and senselessly this year.

Pam Humphreys in honor of my mother, Edna Humphreys, and in memory of Jone Huggins.

Gary & Colleen Ostercamp in honor of the music ministry of Neil & Whitney Ostercamp in St. Louis.

Ken & Sue Hamman in memory of Louis & Margaret Hamman, and Paul & Leona Zorich.

Paula & Mark Thomas in memory of Andy Thomas, and Helen & Ray Abell.

Norma Katt in memory of my father and mother, Fred & Dolly Corse.

The Little Family in memory of Jim Guthrie.

Jim & Verna Rhodes in honor of the families of Koge Yasuda and in memory of Jone Huggins.

Jim & Judy Elliot in honor of the McEntyre's, and in honor of Ed Rollins and Colleen Ostercamp.

Pat & Diane Fowler in memory of Nat Fowler and in memory of Howard Apgur.

The Tratchel Family in memory of Evan Trachel and in memory of Jimmy Jones.

Dell Keepers in memory of George Keepers.

Margaret Sullivan in memory of so many Sullivan's that have passed.

Marlene White in memory of Jone Huggins.

Deb Carr, Ed Rollins, and Pat Breece in memory of Ryan Stoll.

John & Sandy Hall in memory of Robert Hall, Paul Weber Jr., Daniel Cookson, Roy Cookson, and Betty Cookson.

Worship Notes

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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 years old 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):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor

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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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Church Staff

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