

Calm

and



Bright



Our Worship of God

December 16, 2018

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

❧ The Third Sunday of Advent ❧ **Calm and Bright**

Pre-Service Music

“March-Nutcracker” Olivia Chang
“Ode to Joy”

“Away in a Manger” Katie Myers
“Jingle Bells”

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Makenna Gortmaker

“The Holly and the Ivy” Abigail Mayhan
“Carillon”

Prelude God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Dobrinski
Chancel Bells

Greeting Pastoral Resident, Brittany McDonald Null

Seeking Calm

Advent Theme Interpretation

Michael McEntyre

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth**

Anthem

Silent Night

arr. Nelson

Invocation

† Processional Hymn 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle (responsive)

Doug Clem

We continue this season of waiting by lighting the third candle,
anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

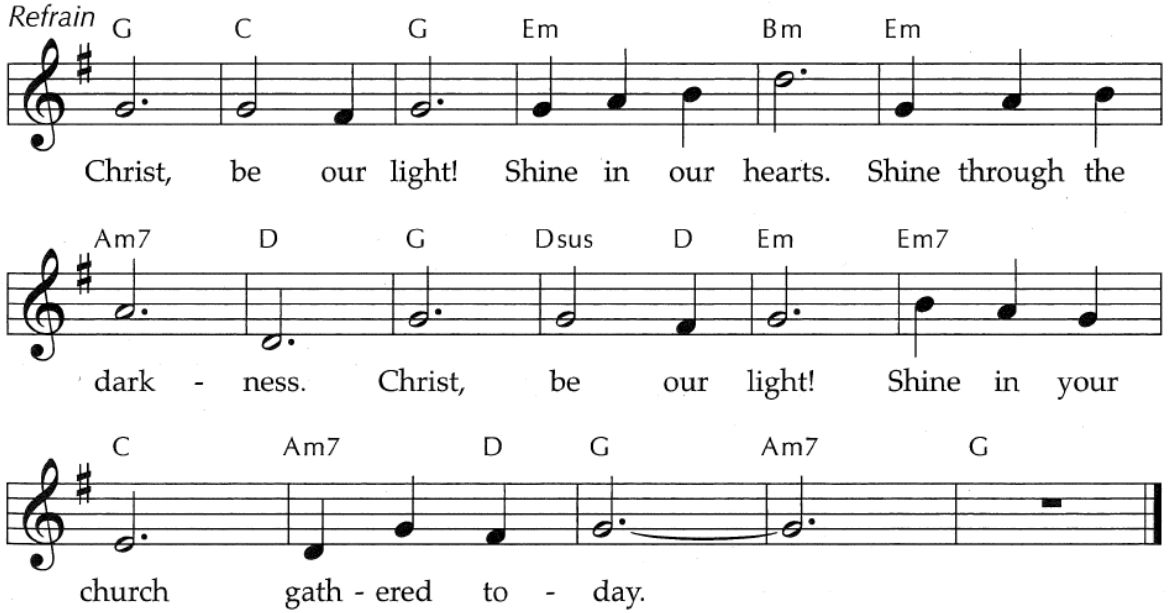
Uplifting God,
we open ourselves to hear your call today
to recognize your love all around us,
and also see the potential to add to the love all around us—
making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter
place.

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

Congregational Response

Christ Be Our Light

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Special Music

Greensleeves

arr. Janzer

Tamila Freitas Souza, flute Colleen Ostercamp, organ

Scripture Readings

Richard Hayden

John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

(As part of the prayer, you are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and light a candle to honor someone who has shown you a grace-filled love that has impacted your life.)

Chancel Bells

Rocking Carol

arr. Morris

Response to the Light (unison)

**Wrap them in your love
Guide them with your holy light.**

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 179

God's Love Made Visible

Cole Kieffer, bass

Offertory Anthem

Sing a Joyful Song of Christmas

Kauffmann

Cole Kieffer, bass

†Benediction (unison)

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

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 16

4:00 pm First Kids' Music Rehearsal
5:00 pm Christmas Dinner

Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 17

9-10:30 Senior Yoga
1-3 pm Staff meeting

Parlor
Library

Tuesday, December 18

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, December 19

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary
Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

6 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 21

6:30 pm Blue Christmas

Fellowship Hall

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 Tonight, December 16

You are invited to celebrate the season with us tonight, 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 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

Blue Christmas

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one; it may be a time that has always been difficult. Though the Christmas season is often marked with expressions of excitement and joy, we want to recognize that for many, this season evokes a lot of pain and grieving. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation – these can all make us feel alone in the midst of celebration. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and grief; we need to know and see that we are not alone.

For these reasons, we are offering a special Blue Christmas service on Friday, December 21 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in sharing prayers, scripture, and music that remind us that God's presence is with those who mourn, now and always.

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 Hammann in memory of Louis & Margaret Hammann, 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 Tratchel and in memory of Jimmy Jones.

Dell Keepers in memory of George Keepers.

Ann & Jim Yonce in honor of Mary Lou Spradling.

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

Marlene White in memory of Jone Huggins.

John Shrum and Lili Vianello in memory of Lili's Father, Hugo Vianello

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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