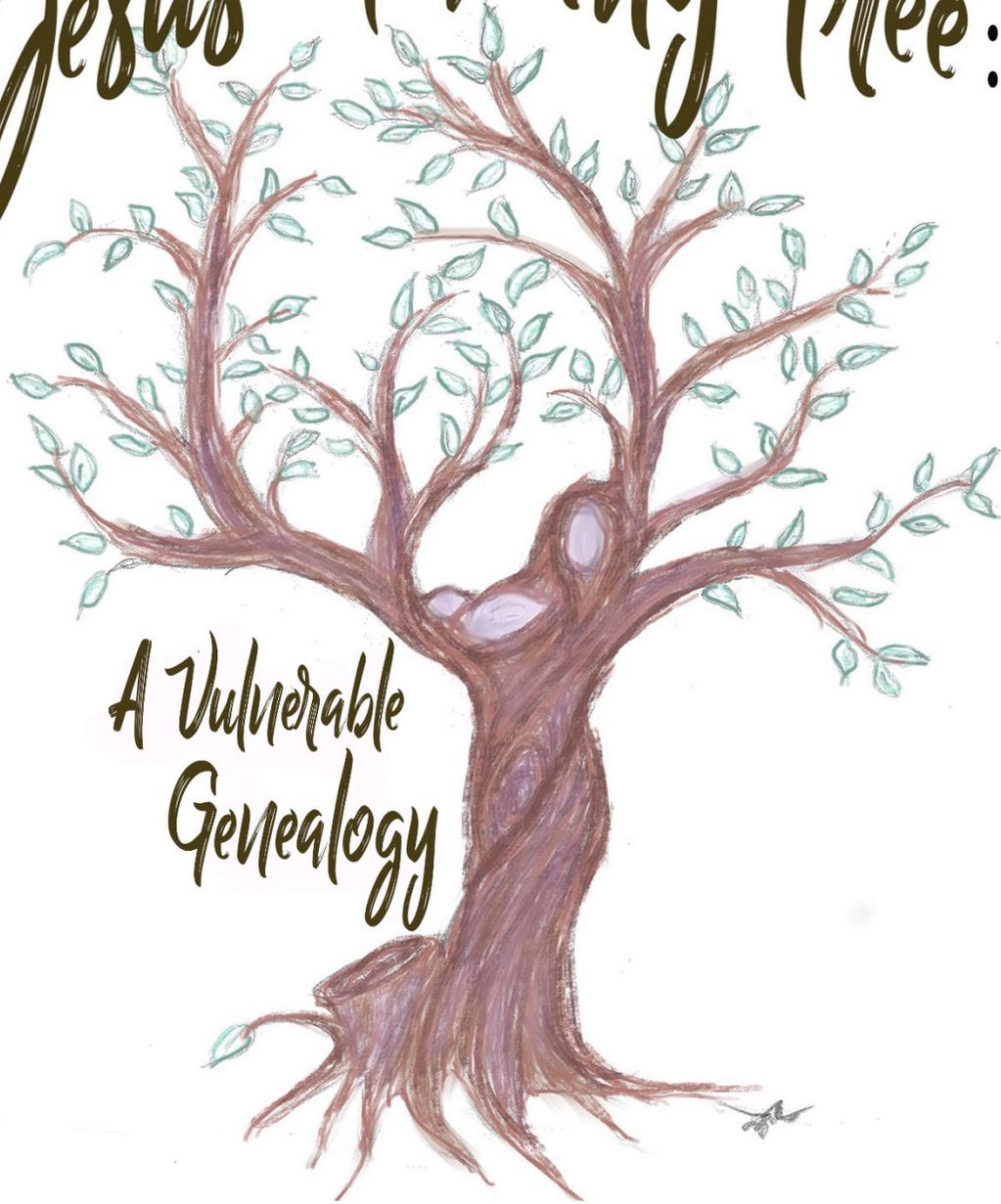


Jesus' Family Tree:



A Vulnerable
Genealogy

Our Worship of God

December 15, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✻ The Third Sunday of Advent ✻

Pre-Service Music

Judy Elliott, *harp*

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

arr. Held

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

**God has looked with favor
on the lowliness of God's servant.**

God's mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

**God has shown strength with God's arm.
God has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.**

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

**God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

Come, for God is doing a new thing!
Come, let us worship God!

†**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Anthem

Once in Royal David's City

Chancel Choir

*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 her 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 Saviour holy.*

*And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.*

*For he 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 heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

There is an ember of joy –
 A spark of fire spreading through creation-
The promise of God
 To Ruth
To Boaz
 To us.
It glows in every heart;
 In every soul it seeks to burst into flame.

The third candle is lit

Here is the ember of joy:
In a story passed on through the ages,
 In a love surpassing all loves,
In a God who became vulnerable,
 In the birth of a child
Who is God,
 Jesus of Nazareth,
Emmanuel, God with us.
 An ember whose flame will kindle the world.

Scripture Readings

Anne Bills

Matthew 1:1; 5

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. And Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.

Ruth 2:1-6, 8-12

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers.

As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you."

Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn. "Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Five Women: Ruth

portrayed by Reid Wilson

Litany for Remembering Ruth

God of Ruth and Naomi,
 of hope in bitterness,
harvest in hunger,
 life in death,

We offer our prayers of blessing
of those who are vulnerable

**and on those who are taking risk
 for their families and communities.**

We thank you for the bold and faithful story of Ruth

The stranger in a strange land who was welcomed

A woman with no resources

Who was provided for by the community

We celebrate Ruth

**And pray that we will find welcome when we need it and extend it
 to others in need. Amen.**

†Hymn 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Message

Carol McEntyre

Jesus' Family Tree: Ruth and Boaz



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with jus - tice speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth.
4. To Christ shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong,
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in His path to birth.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tives free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move.



to take a - way trans - gres - sions, and rule with eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in His sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is Love.



†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel

arr. Hopson

†Benediction

Worship Notes

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Once in Roy's City, Words: C. F. Alexander. Music: H.J. Gauntlett, harmonized by A. H. Mann. Decant and organ part by David Willcocks.

Prelude: A Stable Lamp is Lighted

*A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbour heaven, a stall become a shrine...*

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 15

5:00 pm Christmas Dinner

Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 16

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, December 17

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm The Calling Christmas Party

The McEntyre's

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Christmas Dinner- Today

Today at 5:00 pm is First Baptist's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come prepared for a lovely meal in the Fellowship Hall with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts made by you and your First Baptist friends. We will sing carols and hear musical offerings from our First Kids Choir. We hope you will join us.

CDC Christmas Program – December 20

Please join the children in the Fellowship Hall on December 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm for rousing renditions of some of our most beloved Christmas carols! Hot chocolate, cider and a snack will be served.

Christmas Eve Service

Something holy takes place each Christmas Eve at First Baptist when we gather at 11:00 pm for worship. At midnight, we surround the sanctuary with candlelight and sing together the beautiful carol, "Silent Night." Join us for worship, communion, and candlelight as we gather to proclaim that Christ the Savior is born. Come at 10:30 pm to enjoy treats from Congregation Beth Shalom and listen to 30 minutes of pre-worship music.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

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

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is 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 are located on the second floor:

-*The Bible Tells Me So* Discussion Group in the Parlor

-Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.

-Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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