

Jesus' Family Tree:



A Vulnerable
Genealogy

Our Worship of God

December 22, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

☞ **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** ☞

Pre-Service Music	We Wish You a Merry Christmas The First Noel	<i>Camille Chang</i>
	Canon in D God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	<i>Olivia Chang</i>
	Adoration It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	<i>Abigail Mayhan</i>
Greeting		Pastor Carol McEntyre
Prelude	Christmas Suite <i>Colleen Ostercamp and Bruno Nascimento, piano</i>	

†**Call to Worship (responsive)**

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—the grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-us, comes to us.

We gather to make ready our hearts

for the coming of Christ, our hope.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

People Look East

Chancel Choir

*People, look east.
The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad.
Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch.
When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Ally Lautenschlager

There is an ember of love –
 A spark of fire spreading through creation-
The promise of God
 To Bathsheba
To David
 To us.
It glows in every heart;
 In every soul it seeks to burst into flame.
Here is the ember of love:
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.

The fourth candle is lit

Scripture Readings

Mark Thomas

Matthew 1:1; 6

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. And Jesse was the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.

2 Samuel 11:1-10; 14-15; 26-27

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?"

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

May the peace of God dwell
Where the word of God is spoken.

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Holy One, healer of the world,
shed your light upon this world.
Holy One, healer of brokenness,
make us bold to share your light with others.
Holy One, healer of the world, we offer our prayers:

Silence for prayer

Lead us to wholeness
and make us shine with your light of healing love.

Pastoral prayer

Lead us to wholeness
and make us shine with your light of healing love.

†Hymn

The People Who in Darkness Walked



1. The peo - ple who in dark-ness walked have seen a great light shin - ing,
2. His name will be called Coun - se - lor, the ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther,
3. This child will reign on Da - vid's throne and o - ver Da - vid's king - dom



and those who in the sha - dows live have seen the new day's dawn - ing:
the Might - y God, the Prince of Peace whose reign will be for - ev - er:
with jus - tice and with righ - teous - ness, with God's e - ter - nal wis - dom:



for un - to us a Child is born, to us a Son is giv - en,



and on His shoul - ders He shall bring to earth the peace of heav - en.

Jesus' Family Tree: Bathsheba and David

†Hymn of Commitment

Blest Be the God of Israel
Sung to ELLACOMBE

Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring the people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before Him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the messenger of day.

Where once were fear and darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace,
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Variations on "Lo, How a Rose"
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

Bradshaw

†Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"
Bruno Nascimento and Colleen Ostercamp, *piano, organ*

arr. Setchell

Worship Notes

Bulletin Cover Art by Brenda Rice, symbolizing Mary & Jesus.

Call to Worship ~ Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense. <http://ruminari.wordpress.com/>

Prayers of the People, from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*, posted online at the The Deacon's Bench. <http://deaconsbench.wordpress.com/files-and-forms/>

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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.

Christmas Poinsettia Honors & Memorials

Khaki Westerfield in memory of my FBC forebearers; Howard & Mary Kay Lang, Howard and Georgia Lang, Arthur & Ruth Lang, and my husband Jim Westerfield.

Cindy & Mike Giovanini in memory of Marsha Randell.

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.

Dave & Julie Walker in memory of and in honor of our parents.

Anne Bills & Debbie Jacobs in memory of Kent & Barbara Toalson.

Richard Sorrels in memory of Joanie Sorrels.

Michael & Cheryl Brewer in memory of Morgan Dooley. In honor of our grandchildren, Seth, Cameron, Porter, & new Ivory and our glorious college student musicians at First Baptist Church.

Jim & Verna Rhodes in memory of Trish Blair and William "Bill" Crabb.

Gerda Yasuda in memory of Koge and Lisbeth Yasuda and Gisela Groiss.

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

The Emerson Family in memory of Bill Emerson.

Tim & Kathy Carson in honor of Marques Ruff, Interim Music Director of Traditional Worship.

Sandy & John Hall in memory of Robert Hall and in memory of Betty & Roy Cookson.

John Shrum & Lili Vianello in memory of mother, Ella Shrum, brother, Preston Shrum, and father, Hugo Vianello.

Gary & Colleen Ostercamp in honor of baby Quinn Ostercamp on her 1st Christmas.

Hank Steere in memory of Joyce Steere.

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

Robert Zumwalt in memory of Ron Frederick.

Joe & Oleta Forsee in honor of our family.

Pam Humphreys in memory of my parents Edna & John Humphreys.

Ken & Donna Ostercamp in memory of Barbara Anderson, Les & Elaine Ostercamp, and Beatrice Brophy.

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 23

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, December 24

Offices Closed

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Music and Refreshments

Sanctuary

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas, Offices Closed

Thursday, December 26

Offices Closed

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 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.

Holiday Hours

The office will be closed for Christmas from December 24-26 and for the New Year's Holiday from December 31-January 2.

Pledge Cards

It's not too late to send in your pledge cards for 2020. The pledges for the year are used to establish the church budget, which is voted on in January. We are grateful to all who have committed to help sustain our ministry next year and are asking those who have not yet pledged to please consider how you can support our church family. Pledge cards are available at the entry areas of our worship spaces, or you can call the office and we would be happy to provide one.

New Sermon Series: *You're Enough: Embracing Original Blessing*

Scripture tells us when God spoke the world into existence, all of creation was anointed with goodness. God bestowed this goodness, or blessing, before creation had done anything at all. This gift is called original blessing and all human beings are endowed with it! Yet, our culture constantly bombards us with the message that we are not enough...not thin enough, rich enough, beautiful enough, smart enough, promoted enough, or powerful enough. With all of these negative messages coming our way, how do we develop a sense of inner worthiness? Can we let go of perfectionism and shame? Come learn how original blessing can be an anchor that reminds each of us, "You're Enough."

Combined Worship & Annual Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for Combined Worship followed by our Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will pause to look back at the highlights of the last year and celebrate all that God has done in and through us. We will talk about ministry plans for 2020. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and the 2020 budget. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$6.00.

For Parents:

The nursery (Birth-Age 3) will open at 10:15 am and remain open until the business meeting ends.

First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual at 10:15 am for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade.

At 11:15 am, potty-trained 3-year-olds through kindergarten can remain upstairs for extended session. 1st – 5th graders are encouraged to participate in combined worship with their family.

Following worship, children who participated in combined worship can be brought upstairs to join those in extended session for pizza, games, and activities.



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:

-Discussion Group (Parlor) has begun an in-depth study of 1 Corinthians.

Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

-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.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Interim Administration

Brittany McDonald Null, Interim Assistant Pastor

Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director, Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Marques J. Ruff, Interim Music Director-Traditional Worship

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