



Our Worship of God

December 29, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✠ The First Sunday After Christmas ✠

Greeting

Shelby Myers

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High
Bruno Nascimento, *piano* Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Bock

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst,

blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

†Processional Hymn 146

Joy to the World

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing of the Children

Brittany McDonald Null
Children are invited to the front for a special message.

Scripture Reading

Cindy Giovanini

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Litany to the Creator

We praise you O God,
for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand:
the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather:
We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

We praise you, O God,
for all the things that we cannot see or understand:
all heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us;
We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

We praise you O God,
for all the things in life that we experience:
the created world, people of all ages and circumstances,
all God's creations.
We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

We praise you, O God,
for entering our story as one of us:
a baby born in a manger, Emmanuel, God-with us.
**We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God
whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy. Amen.**

†Hymn 166

While by the Sheep We Watched

Message

Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn of Response 356

All Creatures of Our God and King

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Chancel Choir

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,
the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day.
A breast full of milk and a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him, give my heart,
give my heart.

†Benediction

Postlude

The Shepherd's Farewell

arr. Berloiz

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 30

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, December 31

Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day, Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2

Offices Closed

Christmas Poinsettia Honors & Memorials

Jason & Rena Tratchel in memory of Evan Tratchel and in memory of Mark Yount.

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 Brophey.

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.

Holiday Hours

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

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.

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.



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

Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant, Bethany James, Nursery Director

Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator, Michael Ide, Custodian