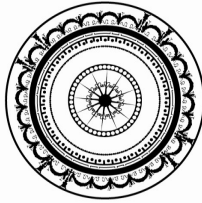


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

The First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

December 3:2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Voluntary: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Come, Savior of the Nations)* D. Buxtehude
Jacob Hill, Organ

The Prophecy: Isaiah 64:1-9 John Thornton

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Hope Ashleigh Henley and Judy Eustice

Congregational Response: *Christ Be Our Light* B. Farrell

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.

Prayer for Illumination Kaylee Godfrey

(Please read in unison.)

**God of infinite might,
we find hope in remembering that no eye has seen any God besides you.
We seek to witness your unexpected and awe-inspiring deeds
that cause both nations and mountains to tremble.
As we prepare our minds in eager anticipation,
help us to fill our lives and hearts with songs that magnify your spirit.
We give you thanks at all times,
and pray that this light of hope will guide our way.
Amen.**

*Processional Hymn 79: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Litany for Hanging of the Green David Williamson

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's Royal Son?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**People: With the lighting of candles and the singing of carols,
bearing witness to God's presence among us.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And on earth, peace to all people!

Carol: *Carol of the Bells* Ukrainian Bell Carol

Downtown Sound

Hark! How the bells; sweet silver bells, all seem to say "Throw cares away." Christmas is here bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold. Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling. One seems to hear, words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air. O how they pound raising the sound, o'er hill and dale telling their tale. Gayly they ring while people sing, song of good cheer, Christmas is here! Merry Christmas! On, on they send, on without end their joyful tone to every home.

Blessing of the Evergreens Gayle Edwards

Bless, O Lord, these garlands and wreaths, symbols of your unchanging nature and the unending life that is ours through Jesus Christ. As we adorn this sanctuary with greenery, we pray that all who enter here will find a place of refuge and enlightenment, surrounded by these signs of the eternal life you promise to all who seek You. Amen.

Carol: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. T. Helmore

Children's Choir
Jill Knight, Amy and Kelly Turner

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born Thy People to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne. We are waiting for you.

Blessing of the Poinsettias Tommy Henley

Bless, O Lord, these Poinsettias, Flowers of the Holy Night, whose star-shaped blossoms remind us of the star of Bethlehem, shining at the birth of Jesus. May their blood-red foliage become a visible proclamation that the baby born in a stable would become the Savior of the world. Amen.

Carol: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* M. Praetorius

Sanctuary Choir

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.

Blessing of the Candles Joanne Henley

Glory to you, O Light of the World, for illuminating our darkness. Bless these candles as we light them in the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. May their bright flame, in this darkest of seasons, welcome all people to this sanctuary so that we may celebrate together the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Him. Amen.

Carol: *We Shall Light a Thousand Candles* D. Rasbach

Sanctuary Choir

We shall light a thousand candles, dispelling the night with a glorious morn; We shall sing a thousand carols proclaiming our wonderful Savior is born! Tell it far and tell it near, speak of the love He gave us; every nation needs to hear: "Jesus was born to save us!" We shall light a thousand candles, dispelling the night with a glorious morn; We shall sing a thousand carols proclaiming our wonderful Savior is born! Go into the blinding night, sing of this great salvation. Take the glorious Gospel light to every tongue and nation. We shall light a thousand candles, dispelling the night with a glorious morn; We shall sing a thousand carols proclaiming our wonderful Savior is born!

Blessing of the Nativity Preston Cook

Glory to you, O Lord, for sending your Son into our world as a baby of humble birth, born in common surroundings. Bless these symbols of Your incarnation. Whenever we see the Nativity during this holy season, may we find ourselves alongside Mary and Joseph, with Shepherds and Wise Men, bowing before the manger, overwhelmed by your greatest expression of love. Amen.

*Hymn 86: *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* JEFFERSON

Pastoral Prayer for Hope David Williamson

Leader: Come quickly, Lord;
People: **Our hope is in you.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14, 18-20 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.150) Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily: "The Canticles of Christmas" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 85: *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming* PLEADING SAVIOR

All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.

*Offertory Prayer Chris Smith

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Mary, Did You Know* M. Lowry

Downtown Sound

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man? Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again. The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb. Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM.

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee

*Doxology VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Noël No.12* L.C. Daquin

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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Acolytes for this service are Kara and Kate Parker.

Lighting the Advent Candle today are Prayer Partners Ashleigh Henley and Judy Eustice.

SUNDAY, December 3

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Hanging of the Green Service (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am Children's Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
 3:00 pm *Messiah* Performance (Offsite)

TUESDAY, December 5

9:30 am Open Doors Art Class (Baraca Room)

WEDNESDAY, December 6

2:30 pm Singing Seniors (Offsite)
 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)
 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 pm Christmas Through the Arts (Kelly Auditorium)
 6:15 pm Missions and Music (Rooms 215, 216)
 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, December 7

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, December 9

7:00 pm Sounds of the Season Concert (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, December 10

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac-school aged children (offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Chris Smith, Chris Gambill
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Nancy Baxley, Anna Harris
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Josh McGee, Anne Rais

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

"AS IS OUR CUSTOM":**A Covenant of Rhythm and Resources for the New Year**

Over the past few weeks, we have talked about faithful giving and how that might look as a congregation as we move into 2018. For many of us, faithful giving begins small — like \$1 a week or even \$100 a month. For others of us, faithful giving challenges us to grow over time — taking another step in faith of growing our giving, or covenanting to a more steady rhythm of stewardship. But for all of us—individually and congregationally—2018 holds deep and abiding promise, inviting us into a more profound faithfulness than we've yet experienced.

We received commitment cards last week in worship and will gratefully accept them this week as well. Please prayerfully consider the covenant you and your family will make to God through the ministries of First Baptist Church! If you did not bring your card, please feel free to send it to the church office this coming week.

ANNUAL MESSIAH PERFORMANCE

December 3, 2017, 3:00 pm
Reynolds Auditorium

This year marks the 85th annual community performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Winston-Salem. First Baptist Church has served as the host church for this event, leading rehearsals and providing rehearsal space. This musical presentation of the life of Christ is our gift of Good News to our community.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Saturday, December 9, 2017
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Enjoy an evening of holiday music with Downtown Sound, Triad Harmony Express, Let's Sing and Glenn High School Choir. Admission is free, but contributions (both food and money) are requested for Second Harvest Food Bank of NW NC. The guest narrator is WXII's Lanie Pope.

HOLIDAY CARDS BENEFIT CRISIS CONTROL, SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

Crisis Control Ministries' seasonal memorial and honor cards are available at the Welcome Center for a tax deductible donation of \$5. Donations from these cards support services offered by Crisis Control Ministry.

Seasonal cards featuring a beautiful image of First Baptist Church are available at the Welcome Center. Donations of any amount are accepted and will be given to support Samaritan Ministries in their efforts to care for the homeless.

HABITAT HOME DEDICATION SET

The Habitat Forsyth Faith Build for 2017 has been a rich collaborative effort of faith groups, congregations and individuals as we've worked to help provide two families with homes. As a partner church, First Baptist has contributed both funding and labor for this endeavor. Please celebrate with us as we dedicate two homes on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 pm, at 1759 and 1763 Richard Allen Lane in Winston-Salem.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will decorate the sanctuary again this year with poinsettias to be displayed Dec. 17 and 24. The price of a poinsettia is \$13 and the order deadline is December 4. Please pick up forms at the Welcome Desk or access online.

ADVENT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON FIFTH**Worship Opportunities**

Sunday, December 3 | 10:30 a.m.

"The Canticles of Christmas"
 Hanging of the Green
 Music led by First Baptist choirs and instrumentalists of all ages with guest singers Downtown Sound

Sunday, December 10 | 10:30 a.m.

"The Angels' Song: *Gloria*"
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir and Ardmore Brass

Sunday, December 17 | 10:30 a.m.

"Mary's Song: *Magnificat*"
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir and Helen Rifas, harp

Sunday, December 24 | 10:30 a.m.

"Zechariah's Song: *Benedictus*;
Simeon's Song: Nunc Dimittis"
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, December 24 | 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
 Music by guest soloist
 Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano

Churchwide Opportunities**Christmas Through the Arts**

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:15 pm
 We will use film, music and visual art to celebrate the season!

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 13 | 6:15 pm
 We will depart from church following our fellowship meal to visit our homebound members and share the joy of the season through song. All ages welcome!

Opportunities for Children**CHILDREN & PRAYER PARTNERS ADVENT WORKSHOP**

Sunday, Dec. 3 following worship
 All children, families, and their prayer partners are invited to learn more about the special season of Advent. We will have lunch together and participate in engaging and exciting stations to learn and grow together.

MOCHAS WITH MAC

Sunday, December 10, 3 pm
 Calling all school-aged children! Join Pastor Amy Mac for conversations about our faith and our church. Children will meet at 3 pm at Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Contact Amy McClure with questions at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

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