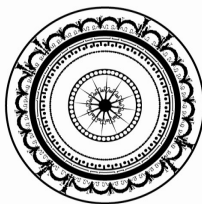


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2017
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. C. Tornquist
Amy Turner, Piano

The Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

**People: Your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried
on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice.**

*Processional Hymn 102: *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.478) Jennie Harris

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

New Testament Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.145) John Thornton

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

Anthem: *The Winter Rose* J. Martin

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Amy Turner, Accompanist

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above, God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep. The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume. And in the bleak mid-winter the Rose began to bloom. O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

Pastoral Prayer John Thornton

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.

*Hymn 140: *Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us* HARLAN

Sermon: "The Fullness of Time" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response: *All Beautiful the March of Days*..... FOREST GREEN

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.

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of__ days, as sea - sons come and go;
 2. O'er white ex - pans - es spark - ling pure the ra - diant morn - ings un - fold;
 3. O God, from whose un - fath - omed law the year in__ beau - ty flows,
 the hand that shaped the rose has wrought the crys - tal__ of the snow,
 the sol - emn splen - dours of__ the night burn bright - er__ through the cold;
 your - self the vi - sion pass - ing__ by in crys - tal__ and in rose;
 has sent the sil - very frost of__ heaven, the flow - ing wa - ters sealed.
 life mounts in ev - ery thro - bing__ vein, love deep - ens round the hearth,
 day un - to day de - clare through speech, and night to night pro - claim
 and laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
 and clear - er sound the an - gel__ hymn, good will to__ all on earth.
 in ev - er - chang - ing words of__ light the won - der of your name.

*Offertory Prayer Bob Edwards

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jacob Hill

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

*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 Jacob Hill

*Those who are able will please stand.

Acolytes for this service are Kara and Kate Parker

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Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

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SUNDAY, December 31
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, January 1 New Year's Day
Church office closed

WEDNESDAY, January 3
2:30 pm Singing Seniors

SUNDAY, January 7
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the WeekBob Edwards, Laura Ball
Nursery: Babies-Ones Meredith Smith, Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreKJack Eaton

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.

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

For over ten years First Baptist has provided overnight volunteers for Samaritan Ministries. The time is from 6:30 pm—7:00 am. We need six volunteers each night, men and women, for the nights of January 1-7, except for January 4th. Please contact Bob Edwards at bobedwards4113@gmail.com or 336-768-3063 to volunteer for one of these nights.

WAYS TO ASSIST WITH THE WOMEN'S TRIP TO THE DR

Our 15th annual women's trip to minister to the women and families in the community of Cielo will be January 13-20. There are several ways we need your help. Our greatest need is monetary contributions to help us provide rice, beans and water cards for fifty families most in need. Your generosity last year also provided funds to help buy food and bless our friends in Cielo throughout the year. Your check payable to First Baptist Church or cash should be designated for the Women's Mission Trip rice and beans ministry. Also, we are collecting sample size toothpaste and toilet articles (soap, shampoo and lotion), beanie babies for the medical clinic and costume jewelry, handbags and cosmetic bags for the staff and women. These can be placed in the Women's Dominican Republic Mission Trip bin outside Fellowship Hall or given to Gayle Edwards. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and support. If you have questions, please contact Gayle Edwards at gcedwards44@gmail.com.

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

Crisis Control - toilet tissue

Samaritan Ministries' Wish List

socks, toboggans, deodorant,
#10 cans fruit, #10 cans vegetables