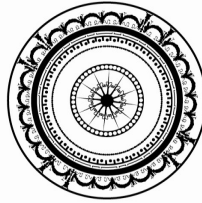


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018
10:30am

Organ Voluntary: *IX. Noel sur les Flutes* L. Daquin
Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

New Testament Scripture Lesson: Revelation 21:1-5 Chris Gambill

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**People: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;**

Leader: God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

**People: And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Processional Hymn 125: *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *Candlelight Carol* J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry? Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born. Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep; Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born. Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: A child with his mother that first Christmas Day. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

(Please read in unison.)

**God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news
and proclaim your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: The God who is making all things new has begun a new work
in each of us through the seeds of forgiveness.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 145: *Star-Child* STAR-CHILD

Old Testament Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.478) Katie Gambill

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Emily Hull McGee

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.**

Sermon: "Signs of a New Day" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 143: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

*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 Gary Stiffler

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Joy to the World, Noel!* T. Fettke

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Jill Knight, Piano

Joy to the world! Noel! Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth
receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and
nature sing. Joy to the world! Noel! Joy to the earth! The Savior
reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains repeat the sounding joy. Joy to the world! Noel! He rules
the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories
of His righteousness, and wonders of His love. Joy to the world! Noel!

Called Church Conference

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Highland Cathedral* Roever and Korb

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE SET FOR JANUARY 9

As we begin a new year here at First on Fifth, we will gather for our first “First Fellowship” meal on January 9. This hot meal provides great fellowship time around the table and draws a large crowd from many walks of life in which to enjoy it. Our Wednesday, January 9, First Fellowship Meal will begin at 5:45 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Our Quarterly Church Conference will follow dinner. In addition to regular business items, the Quarterly Church Conference will have two additional items for consideration: **modification to the by-laws regarding Deacons (detailed below)** and **the Finance Committee will be making a recommendation to secure a line of credit with First Citizens Bank to help fund the *Boundless Home Capital Campaign* which will require church approval.**

The membership will be asked to approve changes to **Article VIII - Deacons** of the Church Bylaws at the Quarterly Church Conference to be held during the Quarterly Church Conference on January 9, 2019. The recommended changes are as the result of a review by a committee of Deacons during the past year and have been subsequently approved by the Deacons and the Policy committee. Below is a summary of the changes:

Section 5. Officers and Annual Meeting of Deacons. This amendment moves the annual meeting of the Deacons from the first meeting of the calendar year to November of the preceding year. It has been the practice of the Deacons to hold the annual meeting in November for several years in order to elect new Deacon officers with time to prepare for the upcoming year. This amendment conforms the practice with the bylaw language.

Section 6. Regular and Special Meetings. Language was deleted that designated the first meeting of the calendar year as the annual meeting in view of the amendment to Section 5 above.

Section 12. Vacancy: This amendment adds language to fill a Deacon vacancy by a life deacon in addition to filling the vacancy from the most recent unelected nominees for Deacon.

Section 13. Life Deacons. The amendment removes unnecessary language, i.e., "This section shall apply prospectively from the date of adoption," which had been added at the time of the original Bylaw adoption but is no longer needed.

SUNDAY, December 30

9:15 am Pastries & Coffee in Kelly Auditorium-no Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Called Church Conference

TUESDAY, January 1 Happy New Year!

Church Offices closed

WEDNESDAY, January 2

2:30 pm Singing Seniors (Offsite)

SUNDAY, January 6

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Youth Team Meeting (A-L Commons)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week.....Gary Stiffler, Joy Gambill
Nursery: Babies-OnesMeredith Smith, Marty Cook
Nursery: Twos-PreK..... Jack Eaton, Josh McGee

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.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Due to the winter storm that canceled our worship service and called church conference on December 9, the called church conference has been rescheduled to be held at the end of the worship service on December 30. We will vote on the proposed 2019 Ministry Funding Plan, elect deacons to serve from January 2019-December 2021, and consider a recommendation to grant an easement to Duke Energy for the location and maintenance of a new electrical transformer. The transformer will be located on the Spruce Street side of the property where the Chapel once stood. The Ministry Funding Plan has been endorsed by the deacons and was discussed by the church at a duly called conference on October 3. You may pick up a detailed copy of the plan in the church office. The 8 nominees for deacon have been selected by the Nominating Committee based on nominations received from the congregation in August. Two additional nominees will be filling unexpired terms. The nominees for deacon are as follows:

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| Nancy Baxley | Nancy Robinson |
| Joe Bircher | Matt Steen |
| Ka'thy Gore Chappell | Bob Edwards* |
| Darlene Guerry | Ralph Messick* |
| Roper Halverson | *Filling unexpired term |
| Ray Hawley | |

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

To be included in your 2018 contribution statement, please be aware of the following deadlines:

Hand-delivered contributions must be received in the FBC Finance Office by December 31. Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31. Stock gifts can be processed through the First Baptist Church brokerage account at Wells Fargo Advisors. Stock gift transactions take several days to complete and with extra year-end activity and holidays it is best to start the process not later than December 19. Please call the FBC Finance Office for details at 336-722-2558 x103.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

We continue to be encouraged by your abundant support of our Capital Campaign! If you would like information on other giving options and/or want to request offering envelopes to use for your campaign gifts, please call the Finance Office - ext 103. On any Capital Campaign gift, please be sure to note that it is for the "Boundless Home campaign" so it is properly allocated.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am, Commons
Beginning January 8

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David resumes January 8. We will begin the semester with a study of How to Pray, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

NURTURING FAITH SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

Starting in the new year, we will no longer be providing members with individual subscriptions of "Nurturing Faith" mailed to their home each month. However, we will order more copies for the church and have them available in the Ammons-Lolley Commons for you to pick up if you would like. If you would like to purchase your own subscription to Nurturing Faith you can do so at <https://www.nurturingfaith.net/subscribe/>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

For 20 years, FBC has been active in serving the residents in Samaritan Ministries. The next opportunity to help out at Samaritan is coming up January 4. Five volunteers are needed for an overnight stay there on January 4, from 6:30 pm-6:30 am on January 5. Please contact Bob Edwards at 336-768-3063 or bobedwards4113@gmail.com for details or to volunteer.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

January 1 (New Year's holiday)

First Baptist Church

Our vision

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to practice bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people

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