



**FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 10:30 AM**

As you enter for worship, all are encouraged to greet one another and enjoy fellowship with those around you. As the prelude begins, we'll shift into a brief time of quiet reflection, where God uses the stillness of the moment to quiet our souls for what will continue to emerge during our community's worship of the living, loving God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Noëls pour orgue, IX. Sure les flûtes* L-C. Daquin
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* P. Manz
Sanctuary Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon. E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

THE PROPHECY: Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, OT, p.496) Nikki Byers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: *The Candle of Peace* Darlene and Buddy Guerry
(Please read silently)

On this Peace Sunday, we look squarely into its absence in our world. We carry the Christ-light into the shadows of violence, hatred, anger, instability. We wait, actively and persistently, for God's coming light to overwhelm the world. With the ancient words of Isaiah's promise in our hearts, we light the candle of peace, declaring this sign to the world that God's peace for all creation is at hand!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus." The second staff continues: "God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus." The third staff continues: "In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The" The fourth staff concludes: "Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus."

***HYMN 97: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* MORNING SONG**

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT, p.2) Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Brent Greene

Leader: The words of John the Baptist call us still:
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

People: Refining God, even now the axe is lying at the root of the tree,
and we offer our lives for your pruning, as dramatic as you see fit.
Cut off from us any branch of anger, hatred, retribution, or violence.
Let pride, domination, and hierarchy
give way to humility, acceptance, and inclusion.
From the stump of our lives let bold love
and boundless compassion flourish.
Forgive our sin, and make us instruments of your peace.
Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of a peaceable kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Brent Greene

Leader: Friends, let us give evidence
that the kingdom of heaven has come near
by living lives that bear good fruit worthy of repentance.
Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: Wexford Carol **E. Hagenberg**
Sanctuary Choir

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well, and bear in mind, what our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy, we should pray to God with love this Christmas day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born. Near Bethlehem did shepherd keep their flocks of lambs, and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem. Be not afraid." For there you'll find this happy morn a princely babe, sweet Jesus born." With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by His side the virgin maid attending on the Lord of Life, who came to earth to end all strife. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day; in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE **David Williamson**

Leader: Come quickly, Lord;
People: **You fill the world with peace.**

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 105: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** **ES IST EIN ROS'**

SERMON: "Global Good: For the Sake of the Earth" **Emily Hull McGee**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 86: Now the Heavens Start to Whisper** **JEFFERSON**

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** **Kim Hovis**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child **arr. A.L. Page**

Youth Handbell Ensemble

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

***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: *In dulci jubilo, BWV 729* J.S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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The acolyte for this service is Kara Parker.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" words and music by Kathleen Thomerson

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
3:00 pm Messiah Performance (*Offsite*)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:45 pm House & Grounds Committee Meeting
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:00 pm Youth Study Hall (*Youth Room*)
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal (*Kelly Auditorium*)
5:30 pm Youth Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
6:00 pm *Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)*
6:00 pm Preschool Children's Music (*Children's Loft*)
6:00 pm Children's Music (*Music Suite*)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:00 am Senior Adult Ministry Team Meeting
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 pm Ladies Ornament Exchange
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 am Deacons' Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)
9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Lessons & Carols Service (*Sanctuary*)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Kim Hovis, Laura Ball
Nursery Babies-Ones: Marty Cook
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Mitch Phipps

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1st floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.

Samaritan Ministries: Sugar, dried pasta
Crisis Control: Saltine crackers

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org.

Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

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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