



**FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 29, 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, X. Grand jeu et duo* L-C. Daquin
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP David Williamson

PRAYER FOR THE DAY David Williamson
(Please read in unison.)

Exalted God,
even as the heavenly host sang of your glory
in the night skies over Bethlehem;
even as the star shone in the heavens,
and sheep and cattle gathered in that light,
so we gather, young and old together,
to recount all that you have done for us
in mercy and steadfast love.
No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions
you have placed within us, for you have drawn us close.
With all creation, we praise you and exalt your name
forever and ever. Amen

***HYMN 122: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO**

PASSING OF THE PEACE Nikki Byers

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 63:7-9 (Pew Bible, OT, p.537) Max Mir

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23 (Pew Bible, NT, p.1) Lynn Rhoades

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: Coventry Carol arr. M. Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling, for whom we do sing, By by, lully lullay? Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay! That woe is me, poor child for thee. And ever morn and day, for Thy parting neither say nor sing, By by, lully lullay.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Amy McClure

Leader: Sisters and brothers, in love and pity God has redeemed us.
In full assurance of God's forgiveness, let us confess our sins.

People: **Merciful God,
in great love you have claimed us as your children.
We confess that we have not loved you as we should.
We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans;
we grow weary and give up when the way is hard.
We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend.
Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,
we fail to recognize our own complicity.
Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children
so vulnerable and precious in your sight.
Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation.
Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace with all creation.
We pray in the name of the One who is our peace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Amy McClure

Leader: People of God,
in the words of the prophet Isaiah:
it is the very presence of God that saves us;
and it is this same presence that we announce
to the world even today in this Christmas season.
Declare with me the good news of the gospel

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***HYMN 148: What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE David Williamson

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 SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10 (Pew Bible, NT, p.63) **Ka'thy Gore Chappell**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "I See You!" **Ka'thy Gore Chappell**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 140: Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us** **HARLAN**

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** **Carlos Mir**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: All Praise to Thee **E. Hagenberg**

Sanctuary Choir

All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood, dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia. Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia. A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest; forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heaven from earth. Alleluia. Amen.

***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** **Amy McClure**

POSTLUDE: Carillon de Westminster **L. Vierne**

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Churchwide Breakfast (*Kelly Auditorium*)
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
4:30 pm Youth serve at SECU House (*offsite*)
6:00 pm Youth Game Night (*offsite*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 Happy New Year!

Church office closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
12:00 pm Personnel Committee Retreat

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Carlos Mir, Mark Thompson
Nursery Babies-Ones: Donnie Tacy
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Jean Mallard

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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