

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, August 9, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



JUST KIDDING... :)

God gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are.

Acts 17:28 (CEV)

Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth!

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Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Tue God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you and share these words:

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

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Bidding Prayer

Leader: Beloved in Christ, with delight we prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and to see the loving-kindness of our God, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us therefore open the Holy Scriptures and read the earliest story of our disobedience to God's holy will, which is common to us all; and then the story of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord, to save us from our sins. And let us thank him with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of this whole world: In a world fragmented by warring factions and rampant injustice, we pray for peace and goodwill over all the earth.

People: Hear us, O God, in the silence of our hearts.

Leader: We pray for reconciling love and unity within the church Christ formed to be his continuing body to minister to the world.

People: Hear us, O God, from the depths of our spirits.

Leader: We pray for the poor, the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved.

People: Hear us, O God, as we seek your strength.

Leader: We pray for those who do not know the Lord Jesus, or who do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

People: Hear us, O God, as we yearn to tell your good news.

Leader: We pray for the great cloud of witnesses of all times and places whose hope is in the Word made flesh, and whose home is with you forever.

People: Hear us, O God, as we join with them to give you praise.

Leader: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

People: 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.

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First Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise.

Carol: *All Praise to Thee*

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.

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Second Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Carol: *Sussex Carol*

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad; when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty. When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and we with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night, "Glory to God in highest heaven, now and forevermore," Amen!

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Third Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Carol: *We Shall Light a Thousand Candles*

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!

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Fourth Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold.

Carol: *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

Alleluia. See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia. Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies, He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia. Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

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Fifth Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary.

Carol: *Come to Where the Shepherds Kneel*

Quiet evening, simple manger, humble shepherds in the field. Baby Jesus, tiny stranger to mankind is now revealed. Angel choirs tell the story, come and bow down, sing His glory. Come to where the shepherds kneel. Virgin Mary, gentle maiden, gazes on the Holy One. For she carried heaven's Savior, sent to earth, God's only Son. Born to show us true compassion, and to mold us in His fashion. Jesus, born of God above. Hallelujah in the highest! Every heart and hand and voice, celebrate our God's Messiah! Let the universe rejoice! All creation praises render, for He reigns in truth and splendor. Come and shout with joyful noise! Hallelujah!

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Sixth Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1,3-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol: *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood. From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped not tool of steel, they drove no iron nail. But cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail. When Joseph marveled at the size of that small

breathing frame, and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name, the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light. "This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word. The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, but charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

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Seventh Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er all the earth. Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! Shepherd in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! Sages, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar. See the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen His natal star. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One! Come and worship Christ the newborn King!

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Eighth Lesson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Carol: *Brightest and Best*

Hail the blessed morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend! Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our

darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom and offerings divine, gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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Ninth Lesson

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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Benediction



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