



## Repent

by Meta Herrick Carlson

Do not holler over your shoulder  
or crane your neck to see  
a portion of where you have been,  
but rather turn your whole body around  
and plant your feet anew.  
Prepare for something whole,  
healing and restoration that  
summons your posture and attention.  
Listen to the distance and longing,  
squaring shoulders for repair  
and careful motion in this direction.  
Come home to yourself by way of  
truth about whose you are, reclaimed  
by a relentless mercy that waits.

*A Voice in the Wilderness, Lori McCown*

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# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Come Now, Savior of the Nations)*  
David Williamson, Organ

J.S Bach

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

THE PROPHECY: Malachi 3:1-4

Anna Harris

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Candle of Peace

Preston and Laura Cook  
James and Tommy Cook

*(Please read silently.)*

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

RESPONSE: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Sav-ior of the na - tions, come, show your - self the Vir-gin's son.  
Fill with won - der, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.

\*HYMN 83: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6

Mary Kaylor

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION: *How Dark the Night*

arr. M. Ijames

Sanctuary Choir  
Susan Welch, Piano

How dark the night in Bethlehem where travelers sought for rest; how crude the cave they sheltered in while sheep and oxen slept. Then light shone forth into the world, dispelling sin and strife. The Child born to a virgin girl was Christ, the Light of Life. How dark the night o'er pastures bleak where shepherds kept their watch; how cold the wind which stole their sleep and chilled their weary flock. Then glory pierced the midnight sky, and turned fatigue to fright; "The King is born," the angel cried to hail the birth of Light. How dark the night of fallen souls, by sin and guilt oppressed; How hopeless our unspoken woe, asleep but not at rest; Till Christ breaks through our moral night and melts the heart of stone; "All praise to God in heaven's height and peace to all below." How dark the night that shrouds the world where war and anguish reign; how fierce our swords, how sharp our words, how piercing is our pain. O Christ return like blazing dawn — the Morning Star of Light. The Lord Himself will be our Sun, and day eclipse the night.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

**All: Refining God, you have sent us prophets,  
but we have not listened.  
We have not always made good choices  
or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society.  
Forgive us we pray, and renew your covenant within us,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, by the mercy of the Prince of Peace  
our sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Let us extend Christ's reign of peace  
to all those around us with these words:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

INTERLUDE: *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

arr. S. Geschke

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus,  
**All: You are our 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.

## SERMON: "All Flesh Shall See"

Emily Hull McGee

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 85: *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*

PLEADING SAVIOR

*God calls all to respond! Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

## \*PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE

David Matthews

*The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part of active, vibrant worship of which all are invited to participate. In a moment, Deacons will pass the offering plates for you to share your financial contribution to support the ministries of First Baptist Church. If you would like to give online, you will find additional information in this worship guide and at our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org).*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Kyle Caudle

## \*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures  
here — be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

\*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo'

J.S. Bach

David Williamson, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Iris Mann and Nora Arredondo

Deacon of the Week:

David Matthews and Anna Harris

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,  
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

### IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, we welcome you! Please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pews, and give it to a minister after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply within the life of our church. If you're visiting with young children, we welcome them in whatever way is best for your family! Creative resources for our little ones guide their experience of worship in the Sanctuary, and worship care for infants through kindergarteners is available in the nursery on the first floor.

### SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK OF LOVE THROUGH FIRST BAPTIST ON FIFTH

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today, you can do so by placing your gift in the offering plates or by scanning the QR code to give online. Because you will need to enter your personal financial information when registering online, we encourage you to set up your account on a secure network at home before using the app for the first time.



### Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for December are Hot Beverages (Tea, Hot Cocoa, Instant Coffee) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!



### Penny Campaign

The Youth are supporting Samaritan Ministries through their Penny Campaign. Help us support our neighbors in need by bringing cash to drop in the donation jars scattered around the Church House or scan this QR code and select **First on Fifth** to contribute to our youth group team's goal!



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FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Words for the Beginning

#### *Advent Worship at First on Fifth*

This year during Advent at First on Fifth, we'll return to the very beginning to hear words of blessing that came with the blessing of a baby born for the sake of us all. Our worship will ground us in the gifts of this waiting season, and our prayer will be that for all of us, Love becomes our beginning once again.

December 15 | Advent 3 | JOY

The Sanctuary will fill with song and joy in morning worship, as our Sanctuary choir and guest orchestra proclaim the story of Jesus through our beloved Service of Lessons & Carols.

December 21 | Longest Night | 6:00 pm

All are invited to mark the Longest Night with a quiet and reflective time of worship, particularly intended for those grappling with grief and loss this season.

December 22 | Advent 4 | LOVE  
*Blessed are You* (Luke 1:39-55)

December 24 | Christmas Eve | 5:00 pm  
*Do Not Be Afraid* (Luke 2:1-20)

Christmas Eve service for all ages with communion, candlelight, and carols.

### December 10 and 17 | Midweek Advent Series

Join Pastor Kyle for an Advent series entitled "Light a Candle" focusing on the prayers and poetry of theologian and mystic Howard Thurman. This class will meet in the Baraca Room at 12:00pm on the first three Tuesdays in December and will utilize a conversational teaching style.

### December 10 | Theology on Tap, 7:30pm

Join us at The Remedy (492 West End Blvd) for a relaxed and open gathering where faith and curiosity meet! Come enjoy good company, meaningful conversation, and refreshing beverages. No pressure, just great dialogue in a laid-back setting. All are welcome! Contact Matt Steen with any questions (mattsteen@gmail.com).

### December 11 | Older Adult Christmas Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 am as we enjoy a nice meal and fellowship, graciously hosted by Trinity Moravian Church. We will meet at Trinity Moravian Church, so plan some extra time to get there and park. RSVP in your newsletter!

### December 14 | Christmas Open House, 4-6pm

All are welcome to share in the merriment and fellowship of the season at our Churchwide Christmas Open House! Hosted by the Hulls and McGees at David and Jane Hull's home (1565 Audubon Village Dr.), we have a spot for everyone to enjoy our beloved community's company and the joy of Christmas.

### December 14 | Young Adult Holiday Celebration

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6:30pm for dinner at Holly & Jeff Kessler's house. Feel free to bring an app or dessert to share as we celebrate the season with fellowship and games. Bring a \$25 gift card to your favorite local spot (restaurant, shop, bakery, etc.) to be a part of our gift card exchange. Please let Mary know if you plan to attend and any dietary restrictions.

### December 15 | Pop-Up Market, 12:00pm

Tshirts, ornaments, mugs, holiday cards and more will be available for purchase at our annual Pop-up market following worship next week!

### December 15 | Tanglewood Lights, 5:00pm

We invite people of all ages to join us on a wagon ride as we travel through the Tanglewood Festival of Lights. Cost is \$5/person. Sign up in your newsletter!

### Year-End Contributions

Thank you so much for supporting the ministries of our church through your financial gifts! As we approach the end of 2024, please know that in order for your gifts to be included in your 2024 contribution statement they must follow these deadlines:

- Hand-delivered contributions must be received by 10:00 am on 12/31.
- Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than 12/ 31. (Please be aware that your bank's bill pay vendor may batch checks together for mailing, so it's advisable to avoid waiting late in the month for a December contribution.)
- Stock transfers can be processed through the FBC brokerage account at Wells Fargo Advisors. To ensure processing can be completed by 12/31, plan to start the process not later than 12/16 and notify Sally (sally@firstonfifth.org) when your transaction has been initiated.

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through First Baptist on Fifth!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, December 8

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth and Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 3:00 pm Messiah Performance (*offsite*)

MONDAY, December 9

TUESDAY, December 10

- 12:00 pm Midweek Advent Study (*Baraca*)
- 7:30 pm Theology on Tap (*offsite*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, December 11

- 11:30 am Older Adult Christmas Lunch (*offsite*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, December 12

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, December 13

SATURDAY, December 14

- 2:00 pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 4:00 pm Christmas Open House (*offsite*)
- 6:30 pm Young Adult Holiday Dinner (*offsite*)

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- 5:00 pm Tanglewood Lights (*offsite*)

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