

For a
child
is born to us
a son is given to us

AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS

THESE WILL BE HIS ROYAL TITLES

Wonderful
counselor

Mighty God

E V E R L A S T I N G F A T H E R

prince of peace



Our Worship of God

November 27, 2016

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

What's In a Name?

Theme Interpretation

Call to Worship (responsive)

Wonderful the fingers that anointed blind eyes,
the hands that gently touched lepers,
the arms that embraced little children.

Wonderful the smile that welcomed outcasts,
the frown that rebuked the arrogant,
the tongue that told parables of grace.

Wonderful the courage that led to Jerusalem,
the faith that agonized in Gethsemane,
the love that suffered at Golgotha.

Wonderful the lips that gave the Easter greeting,
the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,
the joy with which He filled them all.

Wonderful is the Savior who has brought us here today,
filled with wonder, love and praise.

Opening Our Hearts through Song

God of Wonders
O come O Come Emmanuel

Hanging of the Green

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

What a Beautiful Name

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lighting the First Candle of Advent (responsive)

Cliff and April DeGraff

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning or end.

It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

The prophet Isaiah said,

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;"

And his name shall be called,

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

In anticipation we gather.

With expectation we wait.

We gather in preparation of the coming of good news for the world and our lives.

We wait for the promise of a wonderful counsellor who lives and reigns over all creation. Amen.

Message

Wonderful Counselor

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

Only King Forever

Benediction *An Advent Affirmation of Faith* (unison)

I believe in the spirit of Christmas,

**for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose birth it celebrates;**

I believe in the lights of Christmas,

for they remind me of Him who is the light of the world;

I believe in the greenery of Christmas,

for it symbolizes the eternal lights of those in Christ;

I believe in giving gifts at Christmas,

**for Jesus said we must become children
to enter the kingdom of heaven.**

**And I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth
among persons of good will;**

Lord hasten its coming through me. Amen.

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 27

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

9 am-2 pm Staff Retreat
Offsite

Tuesday, November 29

5:30-7 pm Residency
Informational Dinner
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 30

6:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Friday, December 2

7 pm Odyssey Concert
Sanctuary

Saturday, December 3

8-11am CDC Babysitting
See Announcements

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent –
4-4:50 pm Children's Music
3rd Floor
5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult
Bible Study
3rd Floor Youth Suite

Announcements

Residency Dinner

On Tuesday, November 29, 5:30 pm, you are invited to come hear more about the proposed Pastoral Residency, which First Baptist's Serving Team is hoping to launch in 2017. We will hear from George Mason, the pastor at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, who has shepherded a residency program at Wilshire for 20 years; and from Jason Edwards, the pastor at 2nd Baptist Liberty, MO, who was a resident at Wilshire. Make your reservations for dinner by calling the church office at (573) 442-1149 or emailing Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org. Cost is \$5.

Advent and Christmas Celebrations

Here is an abbreviated calendar of events, from now through Christmas worship.

- ♦ Annual Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm
- ♦ Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 11 pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 – 11:15 am

For full details, please see the November 9th Spire, and watch future bulletin announcements.

Let Good Things Run Wild

If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card for 2017 giving, you can still do so! Cards are available in the worship space entries. You may place your card in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office.

Women's Circle Christmas Meeting

Members of the Circle and interested friends (women of the church) are invited to the annual Christmas meeting at Esther Rollins house, 4211 Fall River, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 for Christmas fellowship. Please bring one of your meaningful ornaments to share your story.

Odyssey Concert: Hot Winter Sleigh!

Don't miss this special seasonal concert in our sanctuary on Friday, December 2 at 7 pm. The program features Leroy Anderson's classic "Sleigh Ride"; exciting "Techno Parade" for clarinet, saxophone & piano; DRAZ saxophone & percussion duo; Kapustin's jazzy Concerto for 2 pianos & Percussion; and more!

Voluntary Action Center Families

First Baptist Church will be participating in the VAC Holiday sponsor program this year. We have chosen to sponsor 3 families! Look for the First Baptist Church giving tree on the bulletin board outside the CDC hallway. Choose an item you would like to donate, sign your name on the list, and then go shopping! You can return your presents any time before December 11th. We are also accepting gifts of money and wrapping paper. On Sunday evening, December 11th, we will wrap presents at the church Christmas party. Contact Janet Kieffer, jskieffer1969@gmail.com with any questions.

Enjoy a Child-Free Morning

As a fundraiser, the Child Development Center staff is excited to offer 3 hours for shopping, cleaning, baking, or just resting while your children enjoy activities, gym time, snacks, and lots of fun! Bring your children to the CDC on Saturday, December 3 from 8-11 am. Cost is \$10 for one child and \$5 for each additional child. If interested, please contact Debby Riley at cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.

Christmas Cards to Lenoir Woods

Our Director of Children's Ministry, Yvette Chambers, has organized a delivery of Christmas cards from our children to residents of Lenoir Woods, 3710 S Lenoir Street. Parents and children, as well as anyone else who would like to participate, should meet in Lenoir Woods parking lot by 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Yvette at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

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*In memory of our parents, Edward & Olga Schimelsining
and Reuben & Lydia Roys
In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren*

Pat Breece and Deb Carr

*In memory of Betty Day, Carl Breece, and
Susan Kershner*

Pat Breece

*In honor of:
Deb Carr & Ed Rollins
David and Lisa Carr*

Deb Carr

*In memory of:
James and Margaret Carr
In honor of:
John and Ruth Carr
Pat Breece
Esther and Larry Rollins*

Robert & Marilyn Zumwalt

*In honor of the Little family:
Paul, Lynita, Jesse, Lucas, and Nathan*

Gary & Colleen Ostercamp

In honor of Neil and Whitney Ostercamp

William Crabb

In memory of Carol Crabb

Judy & Jim Elliott

*In memory of Betty Eads and in honor of Jerry Adams
In honor of the McEntyre family*

Janet & Bunky Wright

*In honor of our parents
In honor of our children and grandchildren*



9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

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