

For a
child
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a son is given to us

AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS

THESE WILL BE HIS ROYAL TITLES

Wonderful

counselor

Mighty God

EVERLASTING FATHER

PRINCE OF PEACE



First Baptist Church

columbia

Our Worship of God

December 4, 2016

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Michael McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent (responsive)

Dave & Julie Walker

The prophet Isaiah said,

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;”

And his name shall be called,

Wonderful Counselor, 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 counselor who lives and reigns over all creation. Amen.

We hail the coming of a Mighty God who shatters stereotypes by appearing as a tiny child.

Wait. Wait for the Lord.

Amen.

Opening Our Hearts through Song

What a Beautiful Name

The Baptism of Kaitlyn Agan

Response of the Congregation (unison)

We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.

And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Songs of Praise

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
He Shall Reign Forevermore

Scripture Reading

Julie Walker

Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

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.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Noel

Message

Mighty God

Carol McEntyre

Scripture Readings (responsive)

Mark 1:23-28

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

But Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another,

“What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

What is this? A new teaching - with authority?

Mighty God, who is stronger than all the forces of darkness that attempt to destroy us, enable us to embrace your power in our times of weakness.

Mark 4:36-41

And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him,

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,

“Peace! Be still!”

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them,

“Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?

Mighty God, who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The God of glory be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving.

We lift them towards God.

Let us offer our thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise. With joy we give you thanks and praise, Mighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you.

Isaiah caught a glimpse of a light penetrating every nook and cranny of the world until no more darkness was left! A light which shaped itself into a star. A light which startled shepherds and led the wise to a child lying in the straw

of a manger and warmed by the breath of wondering animals. The child in whom the light of your glory is eternally revealed. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he whose coming we await with joy. Hosanna in the highest.

Song of Response

Same Power

Benediction

Worship Notes

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What a Beautiful Name by Hillsong

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Noel

Same Power

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

5:30-8 pm College Christmas Party
McEntyre's house

Monday, December 5

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

Tuesday, December 6

6-7 pm Covenant Group
Parlor

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

1:30-2:30 pm Covenant Group
Parlor

6:30-7:30 Praise Band
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group
Conference Room

2 pm Columbia Handbells Concert
Sanctuary

4:15 pm Children's Music Rehearsal
for Christmas Dinner
Sanctuary

5-9:30 pm All-Church Christmas Dinner
Fellowship Hall

No College / Young Adult Activities
Please come to the Christmas dinner!

Announcements

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 30th Spire, and upcoming bulletin announcements.

First Baptist Church Annual Christmas Dinner, December 11, 5 pm

The church will provide turkey and ham; please bring desserts and side dishes to share; and if possible, have your food in the Fellowship Hall by 4:45 so the dinner can start on time.

Entertainment for the dinner will include Cathy and Dave Para, nationally recognized folk singers with local roots (Cathy grew up at First Baptist); along with special music from our locally recognized kids; Colleen and Deb will take us on a sleigh ride; and you will join in singing carols! Please invite a friend or two to this special event!

Let Good Things Run Wild

Pledges for the 2017 general operating budget have been coming in steadily since our November combined worship pledge walk. To date, 68 pledges have been received, totaling \$267,633. If you have not yet been able to return your pledge for 2017, pledge cards are available at each entrance to our worship spaces. We are hoping to reach 300,000 in pledges. Thank you for your generosity!

Voluntary Action Center Families

First Baptist Church is participating in the VAC Holiday sponsor program, and we are sponsoring 3 families! We're nearing the end of the time for gathering presents, but your monetary gifts are always welcome (mark "VAC" on the memo line or envelope). We are also accepting gifts of wrapping paper. At the Christmas dinner on December 11th, we will wrap the presents and prepare them for delivery. Contact Janet Kieffer, jskieffer1969@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Youth Notes

The holidays bring changes to everyone's schedules. The Calling / Studio 1B will continue to meet from 6:16-7:15 through Wednesday, December 14th. The Youth Christmas party is set for Sunday, December 18th from 5-7 pm at the McEntyre's house

First Baptist Adventures

On Saturday December 17th, we will attend the Mizzou Women's Basketball game at 11 am. Tickets are low-priced, and we may be able to get you in for free with the generosity of those who have tickets they aren't using. (If anyone has a season pass but is not going to this game, please contact Paula Thomas at 875-1904 or paulalou52@gmail.com). Please bring a can of food for the food bank. After the game we'll enjoy lunch at 44 Stone. Please reserve your spot by contacting either Paula or the church office by December 14th.

Spring Break Ski Trip

If you are interested in going skiing over spring break, please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) or Ed Rollins (rollins@fbc-columbia.org) ASAP. We are booking travel and lodging the first week of December and need a firm number for reservations. You can turn in your \$50 deposit per person in the church office.

We are planning to leave Sunday afternoon to drive to Ottumwa, IA to catch the California Zephyr (Amtrak) to ride to Fraser, CO. Our group will be staying in a cabin (7 bedroom, sleeps 25) at the beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch. The Ranch has a variety of free activities available for all ages (including a heated pool with climbing wall and slide, sledding and tubing, and ice skating) as well as a shuttle that will take us to the slopes each morning and pick us up at the end of the day. Winter Park offers incredible trails for everyone from beginners to experts and offers ski school (additional cost) for newbies. Please turn in your deposit as soon as possible.

We are estimating that the cost for travel, lodging, lift tickets, equipment rentals, and some meals will be \$600 for ages 13 and up; \$500 for 12 and below; and \$400 for non-skiers (Meals while traveling, ski lessons, and dinners out are not included in the estimate.)

Poinsettias

Jim & Verna Rhodes

In memory of Lisbeth Yasada

Mark & Paula Thomas

In memory of Ray & Helen Abell

In memory of Marge Boilek

In memory of Ann Balczo

John & Sandy Hall

In memory of Roy & Betty Cookson

In honor of our grandchildren

Cheryl & Michael Brewer

In memory of family members now gone

In honor of music – the healing tool we need

The Hammann family

In memory of Paul & Leona Zorich

In memory of Louis & Margaret Hammann

The Gilbert Ross family

In honor of Ed Rollins

Bob Russell

In memory of Marilyn

In honor of his children and grandchildren

In appreciation of his ministers

Norma Fair

In memory of her parents

Keith & Sylvia Roys

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

Bob Stewart

In memory of Bonnie Stewart

Joe & Oleta Forsee

In memory of our parents

Kee and Diana Groshong

In memory of:

Kee H and Susan E. Groshong

Floyd and Helen Reese

Geraldine Reese Martin

Ellen Martin Mottaz

Dorothy Holliday

In honor of:

Reese, Susan, Nathasha and Tommy Groshong

Lisa Groshong and Trevor Harris

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

Janet & Bunky Wright

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

Sherry & Randy Wyatt

*In memory of Bill Wyatt
In memory of Sterling Wyatt*

Ann & Jim Yonce

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Larry & Esther Rollins

*In honor of Ed & Deb's 23rd anniversary
In honor of Jennifer Showalter*

Andy & Carrie Steere

*In honor of their mothers:
Joyce Steere and Janet Gross*

Magdalena Luciano

*In honor of Anthony Luciano
In honor of Brian Luciano*

Mimi Wingo

*In honor of David Chang
In honor of Roger & Nammi McKinney*

Koge Yasuda family

In honor of our Lisbeth

Suzy & Steve Lee

In honor of Mary Lou Spradling

Abby Lee

In honor of her staff

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*



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

Janet Deneke, Admin. Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator

†Bethany James, Nursery Director †Glenn Owings, Custodian