

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

December 18, 2016

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship

“What’s in a Name?”

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent (responsive)

Ross, Michelle, and
Elijah Kasmann

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.

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

We prepare for the coming of our Eternal Protector who shelters us in everlasting love.

We look forward to a time when the Prince of Peace leads us in the ways of unity and cooperation; a time when all of God's children are known as peacemakers.

And so we wait.

We wait for the Lord. Amen.

Opening Our Hearts through Song

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Song of Redemption

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Invitation to Pass the Peace of Christ

Scripture Readings

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Advent Celebration

O Holy Night

Offertory Sentence (unison)

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Jesus has shown us how to live: loving God and neighbor, sharing what we have, engaging in acts

of mercy and justice. As we celebrate his birth, and wait in hope for his coming again, let us bring the offerings of our lives before him. Amen.

Offertory

Just a Girl

Message

Prince of Peace

Carol McEntyre

The Work of Peace: *How are you pursuing peace?*

- Forgiveness

- Risk-taking

- Sharing generously for the common good

- Being attentive to the vulnerable

- Being last among those who insist on being first

Credo for Peace (responsive)

We believe in God:

A communion of three Persons,

a communion of Life

a communion of Love

a communion of Peace

We believe in Jesus:

God and human

Prince of Peace

We believe in his Gospel
the Good News,

God's message of peace.

We believe Jesus died, rose,
and sent us the Holy Spirit

so we could live in his peace.

We believe in Baptism
that makes us one family in Jesus,
crucified and risen from the dead

to lead us to eternal peace.

He is our hope.

Through him, we pray for peace;
with him, we work for peace.

In him, we live for peace:
the peace of God's children
to the glory of God.

Amen.

Song of Response

Peace Has Come

Benediction

Worship Notes

The cover art is a calligraphy of Isaiah 9:6 by Timothy Botts.

The Credo for Peace is posted on the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board website. http://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/religious_education/school-prayer-2/monthlyseasonal-prayer/

Let There Be Peace by Matt Maher (7071972)

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (5466490)

O Holy Night (4348605)

Just a Girl by Brandon Heath

Peace Has Come by Hillsong (7030036)

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent
5-7 pm Youth Christmas Party
McEntyre's House

Monday, December 19

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
Parlor
1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, December 21

No rehearsals

Thursday, December 22

6:30-7:30 Praise Band
Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 23

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve 11 pm Worship
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
11:15 am Combined Worship
Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

Office Closed

Announcements

Christmas and Christmas Eve Worship

- ♦ Our Christmas Eve worship service is simply beautiful! We celebrate Christ's coming with carols, the Christmas story, Holy Communion, and the traditional singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. Please join us at 11 pm on Saturday, December 24.
- ♦ We celebrate Christmas Day with a combined worship service at 11:15 am in the sanctuary. There will be no Awakening service or Sunday morning small groups.

Children's and Youth News

- ♦ The Youth Christmas party is set for today from 5-7 pm at the McEntyre's house.
- ♦ 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. today.
- ♦ Save the date: Friday, January 27th from 6-8 pm. Kids aged 4-12 are invited to a night of music, movement, and lots of fun at Jabberwocky Studios. Pizza and juice will be served. You may drop off your children, but you're also welcome to stay for the fun! Questions? Please contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Our next all-church business meeting will be Sunday, January 22. We will start the morning with a combined worship service at 9:15, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Announcements

Teaching Team Book Discussions

Remember that fantastic book you read during the summer and have been waiting patiently to discuss? Now's your opportunity! The Teaching Team is hosting four book discussion sessions in the coming year. The first one is Saturday, January 24, 10 am-noon in the Parlor. Kim Siegenthaler will facilitate a discussion on "Daring Greatly" by Brene Brown. If you have already read the book, please take time to give it a quick review prior to the discussion session. If you haven't read it and would like to, you can order it online. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend, churchinto@fbc-columbia.org or 442-1149.

We Gather Together Series

Fulfilling a long-time dream of having all ages studying the same topic for a time, on Sunday, January 29 we will begin a 5-week series on building up the church in worship. All Sunday morning small group sessions, including First Kids, as well as the sermons, will focus on this topic. If you aren't currently participating in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for this series.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers should attend at least one training session – don't wait until the last minute! See <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times.

First Baptist Adventures

Paula Thomas, our First Baptist Adventures coordinator, is offering tours of Christmas lights around Columbia! Over the next three weeks, she will take up to six people at a time by appointment. If you are interested, please contact Paula at paulalou52@gmail.com and she will arrange some dates

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper designed for note-taking. At the top center, the words "My Notes" are written in a black, cursive-style font. Below the title, there are ten horizontal rows of lines. Each row consists of three lines: a solid black top line, a dashed black middle line, and a solid black bottom line, providing a guide for handwriting.

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

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

Pamela Humphreys

In honor of her mother, Edna Humphreys

Joe & Oleta Forsee

In memory of our parents

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