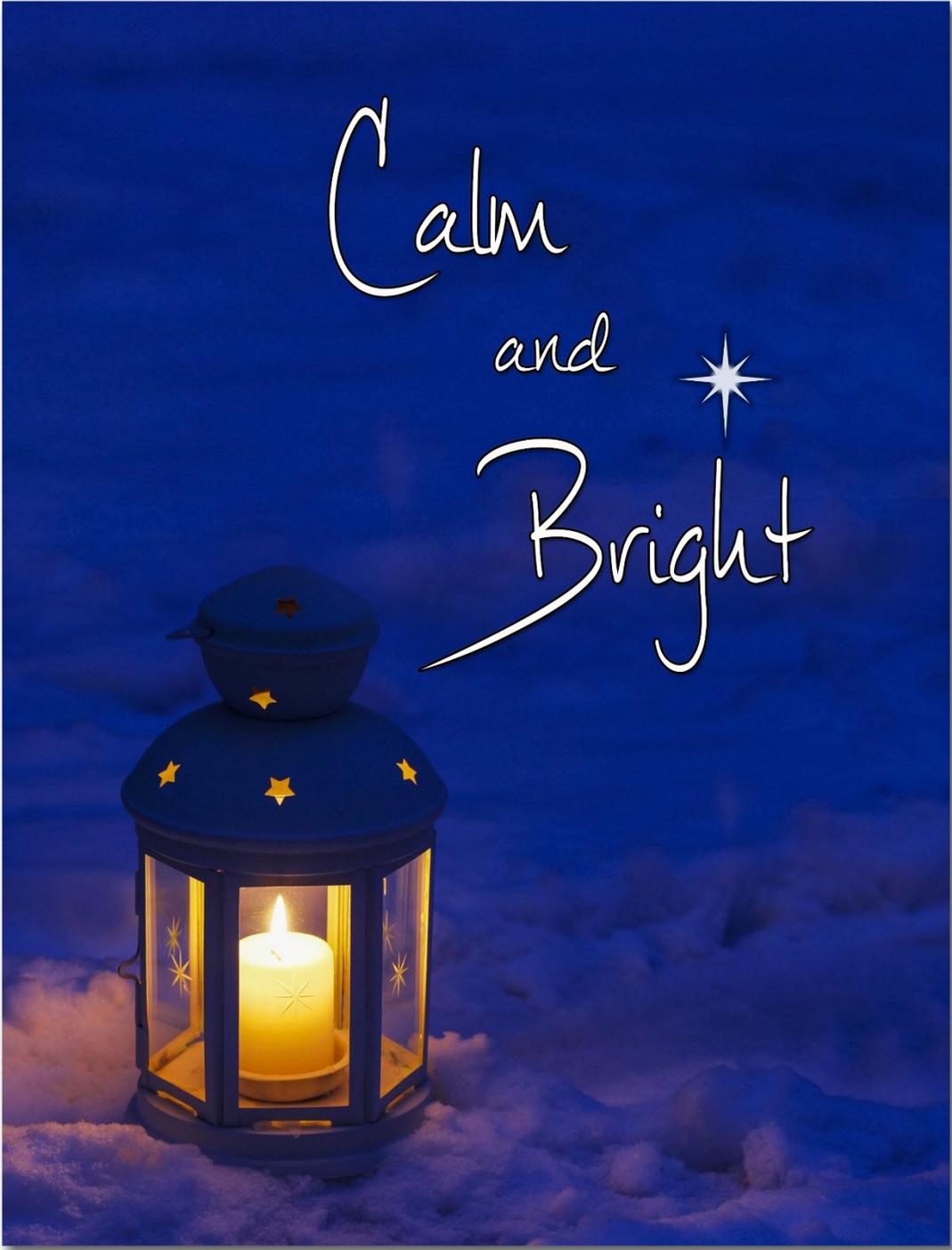


Calm  
and   
Bright



# *Our Worship of God*

*December 30, 2018*

*9:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## **✠ The First Sunday of Christmas ✠**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident

**Seeking Calm**

**Prayer of Opening (responsive)**

God of this new day,  
We open ourselves to hear your call to new life.  
As we anticipate the new year and all its possibilities,  
We ask that you be born in us anew this day and always.  
Help us to remember that nothing is ever finished,  
For you are not done with us.  
Indeed, you are ever making our lives, our families, our communities,  
And our world a brighter place.

**Fill us with your peace and light,  
Make the world so calm and bright.**

**†Opening Songs**

Born is the King (It's Christmas)

Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)

**Scripture Reading**  
**Luke 2:41-53**

Jen Boeckman

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise Be to Christ.**

**Litany for the Past Year (responsive)**

*(Following the lighting of each candle,  
there will be a moment of silence for reflection.)*

We light this candle remembering our children  
who have worshiped with us this past year.

**This light beams so that all young people may be able  
to grow up receiving affection and protection.**

We light this second candle remembering all those who have experienced grief and loss in our congregation: the death of a loved one, the ending of a significant relationship, the loss of employment.

**This light beams for their continuing comfort and support.**

We light this third candle remembering all those who have shared in ministry in this place: Ministers, lay preachers, organists and singers, band members, those who offered pastoral care or reminded us of our wider community, those who visited hospitals, nursing homes, cooked meals or offered words of support.

**This light beams with the compassion of the Christ One in our midst.**

We light this fourth candle remembering all those who have visited our congregation in recent times and decided to call this place 'home'.

**This light beams in order that we continue to explore and enjoy everything we have received as a gift.**

We light this fifth candle mindful of those who have called us to risk the way of Jesus: to create inclusive and safe, open and honest communities for all.

**This light beams as a symbol of hope in the midst of both challenge and comfort.**

We light this sixth candle having each and everyone of us in mind, bearing each other in strengths and weaknesses, anxieties and hopes.

**This light beams on the pathways we have welcomed and where we didn't want to go.**

**It will continue to shine for each and every one of us  
on the new pathways we will tread.**

Let us then, take a moment to celebrate each other.  
The peace of God is here to stay.

**Thanks be to God.**

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**†Song of Christmas**

Glory in the Highest

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offering**

Your Name

**Message**

Brittany McDonald Null

**†Praying with Our Actions**

(You are invited to come to the front of the room to light a candle  
and let it be a prayer for the light you desire in your own life this coming year.)

**†Response to the Light (unison)**

**Wrap us in your love.  
Guide us with your holy light.**

**†Song of Response**

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

**†Benediction (unison)**

**Go with God into this day  
May the Spirit guide your way  
Offer light to all you greet  
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

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## Week at a Glance

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Monday, December 31

**Offices Closed**

Tuesday, January 1

**Offices Closed**

Wednesday, January 2

**Offices Closed**

Thursday, January 3

**6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**

*Fellowship Hall*

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## Announcements

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### New Sermon Series: Breaking Point Begins Next Sunday

January 6-February 3

Breaking Point: When you are exhausted and burned out, Lessons from the life of Elijah

If you're feeling stressed out, you're not alone! According to a 2017 Gallup poll, 8 in 10 Americans report they "frequently" or "sometimes" experience stress in their daily lives. The pressures of life can be overwhelming. What do you do when you feel like you are at your Breaking Point? This is the topic for our new sermon series, and it's based on the life of the prophet Elijah found in 1 Kings. Like many of us, Elijah was stressed out and ready to throw in the towel, but he recovered. We can learn a lot about how to take care of ourselves from the life of Elijah. Start your new year by coming to learn about the steps Elijah took to care for himself- sometimes at God's insistence.

### Church Directory Photos – February 7-9

You're invited to be a part of our new photo directory. As you look around you today, you will see that we have new families, there have been weddings, and babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes. Our directory won't be complete without you! We are taking early registration online. See our website homepage for more information.

## Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 20 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for Combined Worship and our Annual Business Meeting. We will pause to look back at the highlights of the last year and celebrate all that God has done in and through us. We will talk about ministry plans for 2019. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and the 2019 budget.

### *For Parents:*

The nursery (Birth-Age 3) will open at 9:15 and remain open until the business meeting ends.

3-5 year olds can also be dropped off the in nursery at 9:15 prior to worship. Our professional staff will escort them to the 3rd floor Children's Ministry area for a time of learning, stories and play until the business meeting ends.

1st-5th graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family. After worship, at 10:15 First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual during the business meeting.

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## Worship Notes

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Joy to the World, George Frederick Handel, Isaac Watts, CCLI# 24016

Joyful Joyful, Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven, CCLI#25321

Glory in the Highest, Jacob Sooter, Matt Papa, CCLI#7096086

Glory (Let There Be Peace), Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Popadic, CCLI#7071972

Your Name (Christmas Version), Paul Baloche, Glenn Packiam, CCLI# 7005511

Born is the King (It's Christmas), Matt Crocker, Scott Ligertwood CCLI#6089302

Litany for the Past Year, posted on Rex A.E. Hunt website.

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



## 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:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library.

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