

Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy

2019 Advent Sermon Series December 1-29

Our Advent worship theme this year is *Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy*. We will explore the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 1. Matthew opens his account of Jesus' life with a list of names: the genealogy of Jesus' family on his father Joseph's side. At first glance these verses appear to be a simple collection of names and seem kind of boring, but these verses, like Mary, are pregnant with hidden treasure. Specifically, these verses mention five women and their families. In a time when genealogies didn't normally contain a single female name, why are these women included? These particular women, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary are all vulnerable- either young or poor, two are widows, all are disenfranchised.

We invite you to read the stories of these women and their families for yourself, and learn about Jesus' vulnerable genealogy, as we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ once again. Throughout Advent, these women will come to life in monologues dramatically portrayed by First Baptist members during worship.

Dec 1	A Vulnerable Genealogy Tamar & Judah	Matthew 1 Genesis 38:6-30
Dec 8	Rahab & Salmon	Joshua 2
Dec 15	Ruth & Boaz	The Book of Ruth
Dec 22	Bathsheba & David	2 Samuel 11 & 12:1-25
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	Mary & Joseph	Luke 1:26-56