



# First Baptist Church

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*The Road  
to  
Bethlehem*

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*Advent  
2015*

# Our Worship of God

November 29, 2015

9:15 am

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

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## The First Sunday of Advent — The Road to Bethlehem —

**Greeting** Carol McEntyre

**Prelude** Hyfrydol R. Vaughn Williams

**Call to Worship (responsive)** Isaiah 11:1-4, 6

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
*the spirit of wisdom and understanding,*  
*the spirit of counsel and might,*  
*the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

*The wolf shall lie with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.*

**†Processional Hymn 135** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)*

**The Road to Bethlehem — Theme Interpretation**

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**The Hanging of the Green** Sandy Hall and Noah Hartsfield

**The Meaning of Advent**  
**The Advent Wreath and Candles**  
**Chrismons**  
**Poinsettias**

*(During this time, the congregation is invited  
to assist in decorating the sanctuary.)*

**The People Who Walked in Darkness** Ed Rollins

*The people who walked in darkness  
awaken to see a great light.  
The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow  
rise to a star shining bright.  
His name is Wonderful, Counselor;  
Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.*

# The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Weingartner Family  
Jeremy and Andrea  
Jonah and Marley

# The People Who Walked in Darkness

## Litany (responsive)

Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth and Calvary

*We celebrate your birth  
Come and be born in us*

Jesus of the manger and the inn  
Jesus of the workshop and the temple  
Jesus of the lakeside and the city  
Jesus of the fireside and the roadside

*We celebrate your life  
Come and be born in us*

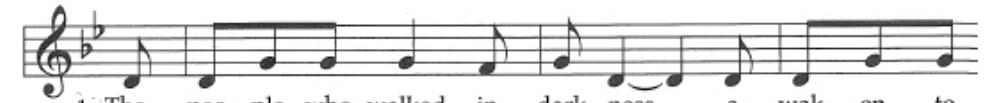
Jesus of Mary and Joseph  
Jesus of shepherds and angels  
Jesus of children and animals  
Jesus of fishermen and priests  
Jesus of women and men  
Jesus of tax collectors and prostitutes  
Jesus of all who will receive you

*We celebrate your resurrection  
Come and be born in us*

## †Hymn

## The People Who Walked in Darkness

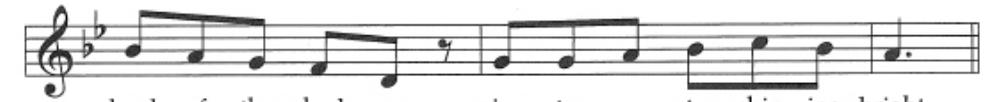
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1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to  
2 For God has en - larged the na - tion, and pros - pered the  
3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains of the  
4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -  
5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and



see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the  
fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the  
slave mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like  
spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall  
mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -



land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.  
har - vest of vic - tory, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.  
dust in a wind - storm, loosed by the jus - tice of God.  
rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born!  
com - plish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

### Refrain



His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,



Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.



Peace. (to stanzas) Peace.

**Gospel Reading**

Crystal Henley

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

**Message**

Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Commitment 132**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

**†Offertory Sentence****Offertory**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Helvey

*(The text for the anthem can be found  
 on page 163 in our hymnal.)*

**† 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.*

**†Benediction****Postlude**



## Worship Notes

### The People Who Walked in Darkness

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## Announcements

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### Ann Judson Christian Action Circle

Mary Lou Spradling and Esther Rollins invite the Ann Judson Christian Action Circle ladies and guests to Esther Rollins' home for a Christmas cookie fellowship on Thursday, **December 3** at 1:00 pm.

### Young Adult & 30-Something Gathering

The next young adult (20-30ish) gathering will be at the Wyatt home on Friday, **December 11** at 5:30 pm. Please bring a snack to share! RSVP to Sherry Wyatt at: sherrywyatrn@juno.com. Please let Sherry know if you need childcare (provided at First Baptist) by December 5.

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### Baby Shower Invitation

*You are invited to a baby shower to welcome the newest member of the McEntyre family. A beautiful baby girl from China will be joining the McEntyre family (and our First Baptist family) in the spring of 2016.*

*We will honor them with gifts of love and loving gifts for the new addition to their family. Gifts of money to assist them with their two to three week trip to China to meet and bond with their new daughter will be appreciated. Also needed are the following items: Car Seat (could be a joint gift), 6 to 9 month dresses (she is just 13 pounds), tights, under shirts and socks, diapers (disposable), onesies, pants and shirts, etc. You get the idea. They need girlie things! Even a new blanket for the crib. Her room in her new home will be lavender/purple with butterflies.*

*Hosted by Christine Chang, Diana Groshong and Sue Hammann*

*If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Sue Hammann at [cshammann@gmail.com] or 445-0167 by December 7.*

*Date: Saturday, **December 12***

*Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm*

*Place: First Baptist Fellowship Hall*

*We look to forward to seeing you there!*

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### Vivaldi's "Gloria"

Portions of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" will be presented by the sanctuary choir on Sunday, **December 13**, during the 11:15 am service. This dynamic work has been enjoyed around the world during the Christmas season.

**Please consider singing:** Many in our congregation have performed this work and we would love to have you join us as we sing this wonderful music. If you would consider singing, please join us any Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

### Christmas Dinner and Pageant

Sunday night, **December 13** at 6:00 pm is First Baptist's annual Christmas Dinner. Get ready for a lovely meal with turkey, ham and fresh rolls provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts provided by you, First Baptist! This year's dinner will feature fabulous Jazz music by our very own Cole Kieffer and his band A-Frame Trio. And you don't want to miss the Christmas Pageant called "Listen" directed by Anne Bills and Debbie Jacobs.

If you are interested in singing or acting in the pageant, contact Debbie Jacobs at musicedphd@yahoo.com. The pageant includes parts for children, youth and adults, as well as a chorus of singers and singing wise men. Rehearsals for the pageant will take place Sunday, **December 6** at 4:00 pm and **December 12** at 10:00 am.

### Fellowship Dinner

The First Baptist Fellowship Adventurers is planning a catered Christmas Dinner Tuesday, **December 29** at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please let Paula Thomas know if you can attend by December 10, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

## Week At-A-Glance

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### Sunday, November 29

1st Sunday of Advent – Hanging of the Green

9:15 am Awakening Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups	Various Classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 pm Youth Ensemble	Sanctuary
5:00 pm The Calling - Student Ministry	3rd Floor
5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili)	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm College and Young Adults	3rd Floor

### Monday, November 30

9:00 am Senior Yoga	Parlor
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### Wednesday, December 2

5:30 pm Psalm Players	Sanctuary
6:30 pm Chancel Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

## Week At-A-Glance

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### Thursday, December 3

1:00 pm Circle Christmas Fellowship	Esther Rollins' home
6:30 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting	Office

### Friday, December 4

7:00 pm Odyssey Concert Series	Sanctuary
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### Saturday, December 5

6:00 pm Boonslick Chordbusters Concert	Sanctuary
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### Sunday, December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Awakening Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups	Various Classrooms
11:15 am Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 pm MU Women's Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm MU Concert Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm The Calling - Student Ministry	3rd Floor
5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili)	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm College and Young Adults Christmas Party	McEntyre home

**For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.**

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Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.  
Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.  
10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:  
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:  
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 library on the second floor.

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To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv). Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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