



# First Baptist Church

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*The Road  
to  
Bethlehem*

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*Advent  
2015*



*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Creator,  
through Jesus our Savior,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit our Nurturer,  
be with you this day and evermore.

*Amen!*

†*Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.*

†Gospel Reading

Joey Smith

**Luke 1:39-56 (responsive)**

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out,

*“God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill her promises he made to her.”*

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

†Offertory Sentence

**Offertory**

V. Propter magnam gloriam

Vivaldi

Propter magnam gloriam      Because of your great glory.

VII. Domine Fili Unigenite

Domine Fili Unigenite Jesu Christe

Only begotten Son of God,  
Jesus Christ

**Message**

Carol McEntyre

“Elizabeth in Judea: Encouragement”

**Magnificat (responsive)**

Mary said,

*“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!  
In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.*

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.  
Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me.

*Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone,  
from one generation to the next, who honors him as God.  
He has shown strength with his arm.  
He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts  
and proud inclinations.*

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty-handed.  
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

**†Hymn of Response 156**

Gentle Mary, Laid Her Child

**Benediction**

XI. Quoniam tu solus sanctus

Vivaldi

Quoniam tu solus sanctus	For you alone are holy
Tu solus Dominus	You alone are Lord.
Tu solua altissimus, Jesus Christe	You alone are most high, Christ Jesus

XII. Cum sancto spiritu

Cum sancto spiritu	with the Holy Spirit
In gloria Dei Patris, Amen.	In glory of God the Father, Amen.

**Postlude**

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Held

## Worship Notes

"Gloria" by Vivaldi

Violin I - Jesus Gomez  
Violin II - Renan Leme  
Viola - Mike Peiffer

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), Italian virtuoso and composer, is best known for his instrumental music. He composed at least 450 concertos, which are valued for their creativity, inspiration, and their influence on Baroque composers, most notably J. S. Bach. Ordained into the priesthood, Vivaldi spent many years serving as instructor of music at the Pieta orphanage in Venice. While his music influenced future generations of composers, it is interesting that most of his music was ignored following his death. In fact, a sizable number of his compositions were lost until the 1920s when they were rediscovered in the National Library of Turin. This discovery, along with a 20th century Bach revival, prompted a flourish of interest in Vivaldi's works. The "Gloria in D," easily his most recognizable sacred work, was performed in the modern era for the first time in 1939. Since then, the "Gloria" has become one of the world's most beloved depictions of the angels' message of joy and thanksgiving.



Henry Tanner's painting *The Annunciation* painted in 1898.  
It hangs in the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

## Poinsettias

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**Dave and Susie Bennett**                      *In memory of Darlene Hatfield, Bill and Maxine Bennett;  
In honor of their children and grandchildren; In honor of Bob Hatfield*

**Michael and Cheryl Brewer**                      *In memory of all who have lost their lives  
in war torn countries this year;  
In honor of the healing love of God*

**Jim and Judy Elliott**                      *In honor of Judy's mother, Betty Eads*

**Joe and Oleta Forsee**                      *For their parents*

**Kee and Diana Groshong**                      *In memory of: Kee H and Susan E Groshong, Floyd and  
Helen Reese, Geraldine Reese Martin,  
Ellen Martin Mottaz, Mrs. Dorothy Holliday.  
In honor of: Reese, Susan, Natasha, and Tommy Groshong;  
Lisa Groshong and Trevor Harris*

**Sandy and John Hall**                      *In memory of Betty and Roy Cookson;  
In honor of Mirek Henley and Zoe Gandy-Hall*

**Ken and Sue Hammann**                      *For their parents: Leona and Paul Zorich;  
Margaret and Louis Hammann*

**Pam Humphreys**                      *For Bill Krueger; her mother, Edna Humphreys*

**Abby Lee**                      *In honor of 2 Mom*

**Suzy Lee**                      *In honor of Mary Lou Spradling*

**Eli and Beth Marchbanks**                      *For Sheila Marchbanks, whose faith was true*

**Colleen Ostercamp**                      *In honor of Gary's 25 years as a chaplain  
at the University Hospital*

**Jim and Verna Rhodes**                      *In honor of the McEntyre children*

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**Deb Carr and Ed Rollins**                      *In memory of James and Margaret Carr;  
Betty Day; Carl Breece;  
In honor of John and Ruth Carr; Patricia Breece;  
Larry and Esther Rollins*

**Larry and Esther Rollins**                      *In honor of: Deb and Ed's December 22nd anniversary;  
Kathie and Steven Rollins; their niece, Jennifer Showalter*

**Keith and Sylvia Roys**                      *In honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-  
grandchildren*

**Bob Russell**                      *In memory of Marilyn;  
In appreciation of his children and grandchildren;  
In appreciation of his ministers*

**Ray and Jane Smith**                      *In memory of Gertie L. White and Charles L. Rutter*

**Andy and Carrie Steere**                      *In memory of their mothers,  
Joyce Steere and Janet Grass*

**Bob Stewart**                      *In memory of Bonnie Stewart*

**Mark and Paula Thomas**                      *In honor of Ray and Helen Abell*

**Khaki Westerfield**                      *For her family*

**Mimi Wingo**                      *In memory of Sterling Wyatt and William Wyatt*

**Sherry, Randy, and Chandler Wyatt**                      *In memory of Sterling Wyatt and William Wyatt*

**Koge and Gerda Yasuda**                      *In memory of their Lisbeth*

**Ann and Jim Yonce**                      *In honor of Mary Lou Spradling*

**Bob and Marilyn Zumwalt**                      *In honor of Marsha Randall*

## Announcements

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### Christmas Dinner and Pageant

Tonight 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.

### Staff Open House

On Sunday, **December 20** from 3:00-5:00 pm, the First Baptist staff is hosting an open house at the home of Michael and Carol McEntyre at 1604 Brady Place. As a staff, we feel grateful to serve at First Baptist. This is our way of saying, "Thank you." Thank you First Baptist for being so good to us and for making our job easy!

### Student Ministry

The Calling will not meet in December. December 13 is the Church-wide Christmas party and December 20 is the youth Christmas party (from 5:00-7:00 pm at the McEntyre's). The Calling will start back on **January 10** with a trip to Laser Lanes for bowling and fun. Merry Christmas.

### Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed on December 24 -25 and December 31 - January 1.

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### Fellowship Adventures

Join us for dinner and a tour of Christmas Lights!

This time of year, my husband, Mark, and I have always loved seeing the Christmas lights and decorations around Columbia. We thought it would be fun to tour them together. Therefore, Fellowship Adventures will gather on **December 26** at 5:00 pm at Olive Garden for dinner followed by a tour of Christmas lights around town. Depending on how many people sign up, we may rent a van. Please RSVP to Paula Thomas by December 18 at paulalou52@gmail.com. If you don't drive at night, let us know and we will pick you up. Merry Christmas from the Fellowship Team!

—Paula Thomas

### Annual Ministry Celebration

Save the Date for the Annual Ministry Celebration on Sunday, **January 17**.

### Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service. On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled. Notification will be made on the church facebook page or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM) Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMU-TV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

## Week At-A-Glance

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### Sunday, December 13

3rd 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
3:00 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble Concert	Sanctuary
3:00 pm African Worship	Parlor
6:00 pm Annual Christmas Dinner and Pageant	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, December 14

9:00 am Senior Yoga	Parlor
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### Wednesday, December 16

5:30 pm Missions Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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 17

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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### Friday, December 18

11:00 am The Wardrobe Volunteers	The Wardrobe
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### Sunday, December 20

4th 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
3:00 - 5:00 pm Staff Open House	McEntyre Residence
5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party	McEntyre Residence



# 11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

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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## Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor  
Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and Missions  
Nene Peter, African Minister † Rubin Byishimo, African Worship Leader  
Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist  
Madison Reynolds, Administrative Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator † Glenn Owings, Custodian