

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

EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE



First Baptist Church

columbia

Our Worship of God

December 11, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

❧ **The Third Sunday of Advent** ❧ *What's In a Name?*

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

Prelude

Christmas Trilogy
Chancel Bells and Piano

arr. Linker/McFadden

Lighting the Third Candle of Advent (responsive)

Verna, Jim &
Sarabeth Rhodes

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.

Wait. Wait for the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

The People Who Walked in Darkness

His name is Won-der-ful, Coun-sel - or, Al-might-y God,
Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 3/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Invocation (unison)

Everlasting God, you call us from the exile of sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†Processional Hymn 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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

†Passing the Peace of Christ

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Special Music

He Shall Feed His Flock

Handel

Bria Jones, alto Madeline O'Meara, soprano

Scripture Readings

Mark Thomas

Luke 1:46-55

The Magnificat

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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.**Anthem**

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Handel

Message

Everlasting Father

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

†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.

OffertoryO Come, All Ye Faithful
Men's Ensemble

arr. Forrest

†Benediction (responsive)

Listen to the promise Jesus makes:

I will never abandon you as orphans – I will come to you.

Even though the world will not be able to see me,

I will never vanish from your sight.

And since I live, you will also live.

Go from here in the knowledge that you do not go alone:

The power and presence of God goes with you.

Praise be to God!

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

Worship Notes

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

Members of the Men's Ensemble include John Adams, Hugh Emerson, Eli Marchbanks, Bruno Nascimento, Ed Rollins, Jared Smith, and Ben Worley.

We are grateful to the following string players for assisting in worship this morning: Renan Leme and Jesus Gomez, violin; Clifton Gilliland, Viola; and Adrian Gomez, cello.

Today's scripture reader, Mark Thomas, grew up in Detroit and moved to Columbia in 1980 to pursue graduate work in History at MU. His parents Andy and Clare, along with his sister Denise and her family reside, in Taylor, Michigan. His other sister Cheryl, with her son Austin, lives in Buford, Georgia. Mark is a Senior Director of Advancement for the University of Missouri in the areas of Graduate Education and Foundation Relations. "Being a part of the First Baptist Family is a wonderful experience. Thank you to everyone for sharing your love and blessings!"

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

**12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion
Group**

Conference Room

2 pm Columbia Handbells Concert
Sanctuary

**4:00 pm Children's Music Rehearsal
for Christmas Dinner**
Sanctuary

**5-7:30 pm All-Church Christmas
Dinner**
Fellowship Hall

No College / Young Adult Activities
**Please come to the Christmas
dinner!**

Monday, December 12

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, December 14

**6:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th
Grade**

3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Thursday, December 15

6:30-7:30 Praise Band
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

5-7 pm Youth Christmas Party
McEntyre's House

Announcements

Sermon Discussion Group Meets Today

The bi-weekly sermon discussion group meets today in the conference room after the 11:15 service. The group provides an opportunity to dig deeper into scriptural texts or topics from the day's sermon that you found intriguing, challenging, illuminating or confusing. Everyone is welcome! Meeting dates for 2017 will be announced soon.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble Program

Under the direction of our own Ed Rollins, the Columbia Handbell Ensemble presents a program of holiday favorites at 2:00 pm today in our sanctuary. Enjoy the music, then stay for dinner!

Children Rehearsing for Tonight's Dinner

Reminder for parents of preschool and elementary aged children: This evening, the children will be sharing some of their gifts with us at our annual Christmas dinner. We encourage the children to dress in Christmas colors and bring a flashlight. We'll gather in the sanctuary at 4:00 pm to rehearse.

Christmas Dinner at 5:00 pm Today

All are invited to this evening's annual Christmas Dinner! The church is providing the meat; please bring side dishes and desserts to share, and have them in the Fellowship Hall by 4:45 so we can begin the meal on time.

Christmas and Christmas Eve Worship

- ♦ Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 11 pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 – 11:15 am

Voluntary Action Center Families

If you haven't already, please bring your donations for our VAC families to tonight's dinner. During the festivities we will wrap the gifts and prepare them for delivery. Thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Cards to Lenoir Woods

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. on Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Yvette at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Youth Notes

The holidays bring changes to everyone's schedules. The Calling / Studio 1B will continue to meet from 6:16-7:15 through Wednesday, December 14th. The Youth Christmas party is set for Sunday, December 18th from 5-7 pm at the McEntyre's house.

First Baptist Adventures

On Saturday December 17th, we will attend the Mizzou Women's Basketball game at 11 am. Tickets are low-priced, and we may be able to get you in for free with the generosity of those who have tickets they aren't using. (If anyone has a season pass but is not going to this game, please contact Paula Thomas at 875-1904 or paulalou52@gmail.com). Please bring a can of food for the food bank. After the game we'll enjoy lunch at 44 Stone. Please reserve your spot by contacting either Paula or the church office by December 14th.

Let Good Things Run Wild

Pledges for the 2017 general operating budget have been coming in steadily since our November combined worship pledge walk. To date, 68 pledges have been received, totaling \$267,633. If you have not yet been able to return your pledge for 2017, pledge cards are available at each entrance to our worship spaces. We are hoping to reach \$300,000 in pledges. Thank you for your generosity!

More Advent Music

There are two opportunities to catch some music of the season, brought to you by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Local organists, including our own Colleen Ostercamp, will be taking turns playing from noon-1pm on Tuesday, December 13 at Calvary Episcopal Church and on Friday, December 16 at Missouri United Methodist Church. There is no cost, and you may come and go as your schedule allows.

Winter Approaches!

If 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 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
KMIZ-TV17

We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

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*



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

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

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

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