

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

E V E R L A S T I N G F A T H E R

prince of peace



Our Worship of God

December 18, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✠ The Fourth Sunday of Advent ✠

What's In a Name?

Pre-service Music

Olivia Chang and Abigail Mayhan

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

What's In a Name?

Prelude

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. McChesney

Chancel Bells; Renan Leme-violin; Adrian Gomez-cello

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent (responsive)

Eli, Beth, and
Andrew Marchbanks

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.

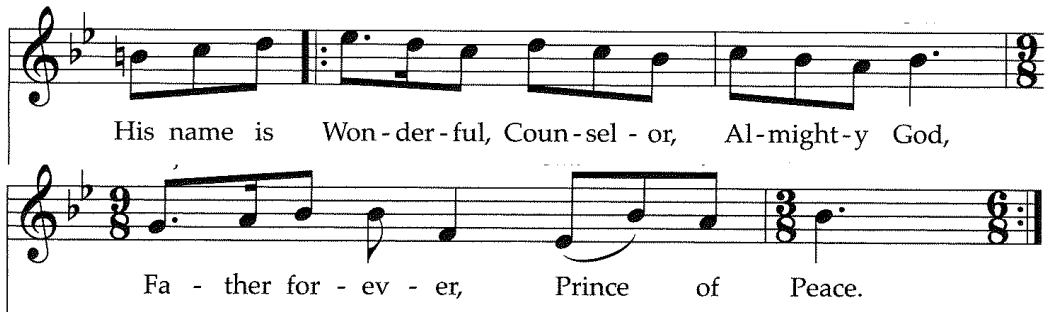
We look forward to a time when the Prince of Peace leads us in the ways of unity and cooperation; a time when all of God's children are known as peacemakers.

And so we wait.

We wait for the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

The People Who Walked in Darkness



Prayer for Peace (unison)

**Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle,
the strength to be forgiving,
the patience to be understanding,
and the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding to what we believe to be right.**

**May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil
and the power of love to overcome hatred.**

**We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe
in a world emancipated from violence.**

**Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy
to the task of making peace,**

**praying always for the inspiration and the power
to fulfill the destiny for which we were created. Amen.**

†ProceSSIONAL Hymn 171

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

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.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Moglebust

Chancel Bells

Scripture Readings

Noah Hartsfield

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.

Credo for Peace (responsive)

We believe in God:

A communion of three Persons,

a communion of Life

a communion of Love

a communion of Peace

We believe in Jesus:

God and human

Prince of Peace

We believe in his Gospel

the Good News,

God's message of peace.

We believe Jesus died, rose,

and sent us the Holy Spirit

so we could live in his peace.

We believe in Baptism

that makes us one family in Jesus,

crucified and risen from the dead

to lead us to eternal peace.

He is our hope.

Through him, we pray for peace;

with him, we work for peace.

In him, we live for peace:

the peace of God's children

to the glory of God.

Amen.

Message

Prince of Peace

Carol McEntyre

The Work of Peace: *How are you pursuing peace?*

•Forgiveness

•Risk-taking

- Sharing generously for the common good
- Being attentive to the vulnerable
- Being last among those who insist on being first

Anthem

Pacem
Renan Leme, Violin
*Grant us peace
And on earth peace to all of good will*

Dengler

†Passing the Peace of Christ

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

†Hymn of Commitment 170

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

†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.

Offertory

Il Est Né
Psalm Players

arr. Jones

†Benediction

Postlude

Glory to God
From Handel's Messiah

arr. Asman

Worship Notes

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

The Prayer for Peace is from the Week of Prayer for World Peace, 1978

The Credo for Peace is posted on the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board website.

http://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/religious_education/school-prayer-2/monthlyseasonal-prayer/

Today's scripture reader, Noah Hartsfield, has been active in First Baptist Church for 9 years now. In his time at First Baptist he was a member of the self-study group, helped to revise the church by-laws, served on the Teaching Team, and rung bass with Chancel Bells. He has also led classes in Children's Sunday School, VBS, and adult small groups. He is entering his 4th year as coordinator of the Teaching Team, and facilitates the Community small group on Sunday mornings. When not at First Baptist Church he works in Human Resources for the MU Libraries, rings in the Columbia Handbell Ensemble, and plays strategy board games. He and his wife Abby were married in the sanctuary almost 7 years ago; and just three short weeks ago, welcomed their first child, Gideon, into the world.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

5-7 pm Youth Christmas Party

McEntyre's House

6:30-7:30 Praise Band

Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 23

Office Closed

Monday, December 19

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve 11 pm Worship

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

11:15 am Combined Worship

Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

No rehearsals

Thursday, December 22

Announcements

Christmas and Christmas Eve Worship

- ♦ Our Christmas Eve worship service is simply beautiful! We celebrate Christ's coming with carols, the Christmas story, Holy Communion, and the traditional singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. Please join us at 11 pm on Saturday, December 24.
- ♦ We celebrate Christmas Day with a combined worship service at 11:15 am in the sanctuary. There will be no Awakening service or Sunday morning small groups.

Children's and Youth News

- ♦ The Youth Christmas party is set for today from 5-7 pm at the McEntyre's house.
- ♦ 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. today.
- ♦ Save the date: Friday, January 27th from 6-8 pm. Kids aged 4-12 are invited to a night of music, movement, and lots of fun at Jabberwocky Studios. Pizza and juice will be served. You may drop off your children, but you're also welcome to stay for the fun! Questions? Please contact Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry, at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Our next all-church business meeting will be Sunday, January 22. We will start the morning with a combined worship service at 9:15, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Announcements

Teaching Team Book Discussions

Remember that fantastic book you read during the summer and have been waiting patiently to discuss? Now's your opportunity! The Teaching Team is hosting four book discussion sessions in the coming year. The first one is Saturday, January 24, 10 am-noon in the Parlor. Kim Siegenthaler will facilitate a discussion on "Daring Greatly" by Brene Brown. If you have already read the book, please take time to give it a quick review prior to the discussion session. If you haven't read it and would like to, you can order it online. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend, churchinto@fbc-columbia.org or 442-1149.

We Gather Together Series

Fulfilling a long-time dream of having all ages studying the same topic for a time, on Sunday, January 29 we will begin a 5-week series on building up the church in worship. All Sunday morning small group sessions, including First Kids, as well as the sermons, will focus on this topic. If you aren't currently participating in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for this series.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers should attend at least one training session – don't wait until the last minute! See <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times.

First Baptist Adventures

Paula Thomas, our First Baptist Adventures coordinator, is offering tours of Christmas lights around Columbia! Over the next three weeks, she will take up to six people at a time by appointment. If you are interested, please contact Paula at paulalou52@gmail.com and she will arrange some dates.

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

Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Janet Deneke, Admin. Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator

Bethany James, Nursery Director † Glenn Owings, Custodian