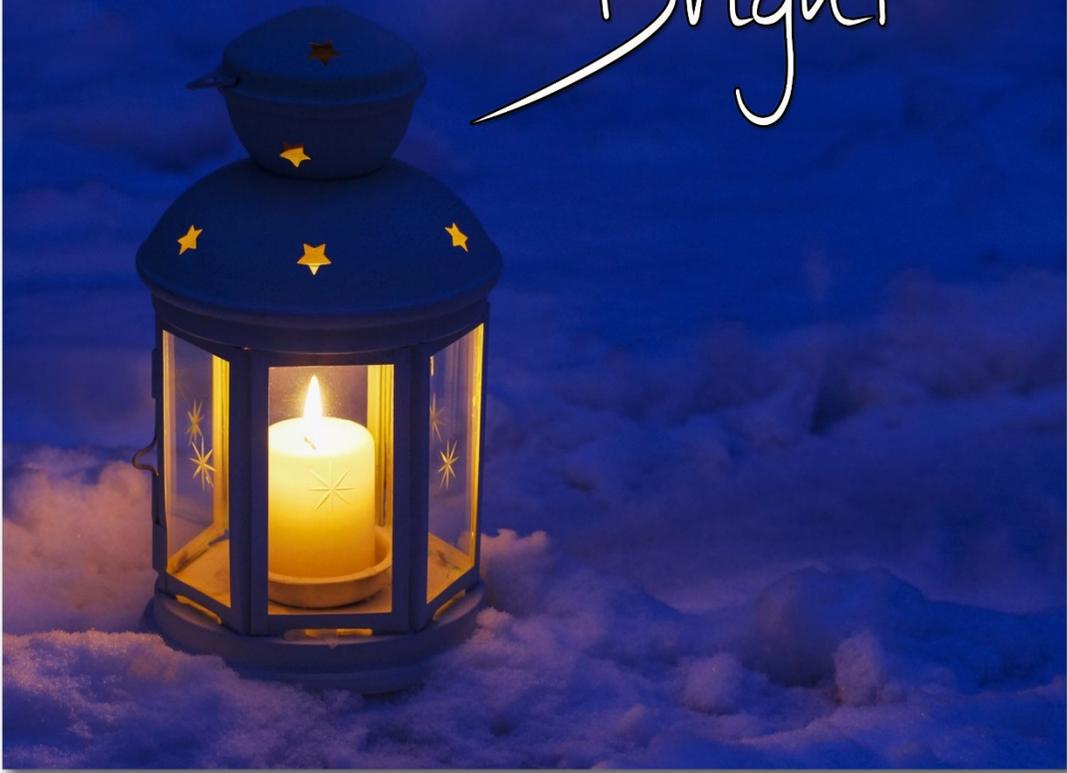


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# *Our Worship of God*

*December 30, 2018*

*11:15 am*

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

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## ✠ **The First Sunday of Christmas** ✠

**Greeting** Brittany McDonald Null, Pastoral Resident

**Seeking Calm**

**Prelude** Interlude I arr. Ibert  
*Tamila Freitas, flute*  
*Pedro Ramiro, Violin*  
*Bruno Mascimento, Piano*

**Prayer of Invocation (responsive)** Ed Rollins

God of this new day,  
We open ourselves to hear your call to new life.  
As we anticipate the new year and all its possibilities,  
We ask that you be born in us anew this day and always.  
Help us to remember that nothing is ever finished,  
For you are not done with us.  
Indeed, you are ever making our lives, our families, our communities,  
And our world a brighter place.

**Fill us with your peace and light,  
Make the world so calm and bright.**

**†Processional Hymn 174** Angels from the Realms of Glory  
(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

## Litany for the Past Year (responsive)

Ed Rollins

*(Following the lighting of each candle,  
there will be a moment of silence for reflection.)*

We light this candle remembering our children  
who have worshiped with us this past year.

**This light beams so that all young people may be able  
to grow up receiving affection and protection.**

We light this second candle remembering all those  
who have experienced grief and loss in our congregation:  
the death of a loved one,  
the ending of a significant relationship,  
the loss of employment.

**This light beams for their continuing comfort and support.**

We light this third candle remembering all those who  
have shared in ministry in this place:  
Ministers, lay preachers, organists and singers, band members,  
those who offered pastoral care  
or reminded us of our wider community,  
those who visited hospitals, nursing homes,  
cooked meals or offered words of support.

**This light beams with the compassion  
of the Christ One in our midst.**

We light this fourth candle remembering all those who  
have visited our congregation in recent times  
and decided to call this place 'home'.

**This light beams in order that we continue to explore and enjoy  
everything we have received as a gift.**

We light this fifth candle mindful of those who  
have called us to risk the way of Jesus:  
to create inclusive and safe,  
open and honest communities for all.

**This light beams as a symbol of hope  
in the midst of both challenge and comfort.**

We light this sixth candle having each and everyone of us in mind,  
bearing each other in strengths and weaknesses,  
anxieties and hopes.

**This light beams on the pathways we have welcomed  
and where we didn't want to go.**

**It will continue to shine for each and every one of us  
on the new pathways we will tread.**

Let us then, take a moment to celebrate each other.  
The peace of God is here to stay.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **†Passing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Scripture Reading Luke 2:41-53**

John Shrum

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with

them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

**† Hymn 161**

Once in Royal David's City

**Message**

Brittany McDonald Null

**†Praying with Our Actions**

(You are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to light a candle and let it be a prayer for the light you desire in your own life this coming year.)

**†Response to the Light (unison)**

**Wrap us in your love.  
Guide us with your holy light.**

**†Hymn of Response 166**

While By the Sheep We Watched

**†Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

What Child is This?  
*Bruno Mascimento, Piano*

arr. Ralph Manuel

**†Benediction (unison)**

**Go with God into this day  
May the Spirit guide your way  
Offer light to all you greet  
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

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## Week at a Glance

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Monday, December 31

**Offices Closed**

Tuesday, January 1

**Offices Closed**

Wednesday, January 2

**Offices Closed**

Thursday, January 3

**6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**

*Fellowship Hall*

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# Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



## 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:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 years old 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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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