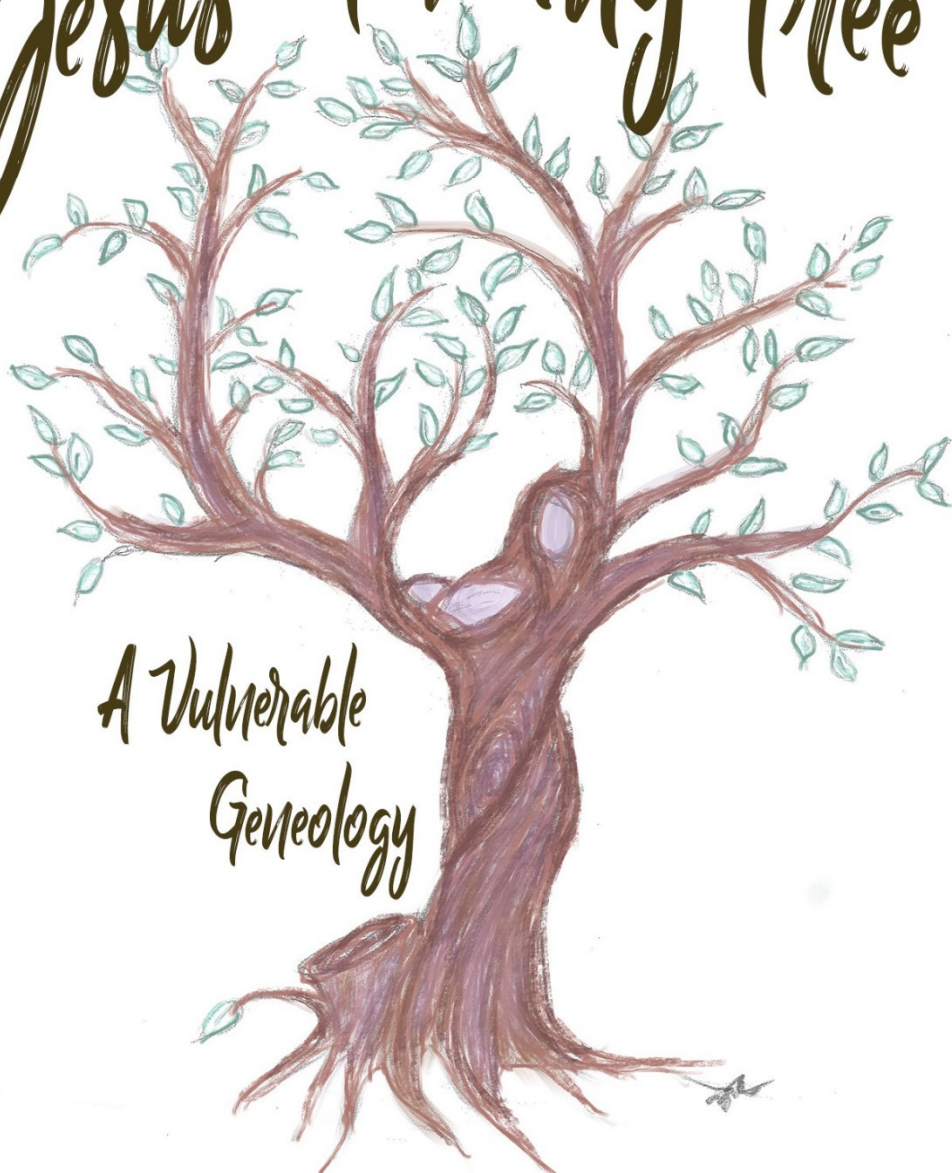


# Jesus' Family Tree:



A Vulnerable  
Genealogy

# *Our Worship of God*

*December 1, 2019*

*11:15 am*

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

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## ❧ **The First Sunday of Advent** ❧

**Greeting**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Prelude**

“Kingsfold” Suite  
I. The Tune  
II. For the Flute  
(text in Hymnal #192)

by David Dahl

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

The day is near.

**And so we wait.**

We wait with hope,

**for the brokenhearted to be healed,  
for the downtrodden to be lifted up.**

**We wait for the coming of the Christ child.**

In this meantime, we will sing into the silence.

**We will open ourselves to God’s presence and  
the message hope.**

**†Processional Hymn 133**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

**†Hanging of the Green**

**Advent Theme Interpretation**

**Matthew 1:1-17**

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah**, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## Lighting of the First Advent Candle

There is an ember of hope –  
    **A spark of fire spreading through creation-**  
The promise of God  
    **To Tamar**  
To Judah  
    **To us.**  
It glows in every heart;  
    **In every soul it seeks to burst into flame.**

*The first candle is lit*

*Here is the ember of hope:*  
In a story passed on through the ages,  
    **In a love surpassing all loves,**  
*In a God who became vulnerable,*  
In the birth of a child  
    **Who is God,**  
*Jesus of Nazareth,*  
Emmanuel, God with us.  
    **An ember whose flame will kindle the world.**

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

**Scripture Reading**

John Hall

**Isaiah 11:1-3**

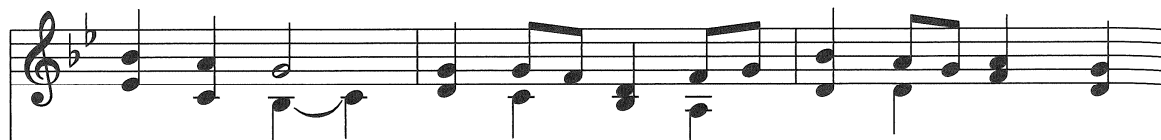
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

The Word of the Lord.

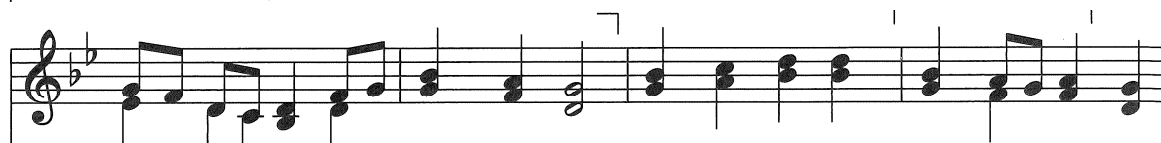
**Thanks be to God.**



1. Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is  
 2. Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to  
 3. Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten  
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness  
 wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance



to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed,  
 shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor,  
 hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the stran - ger,



child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -  
 gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber  
 in the out - cast, hid from view: Child who comes to



neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come Him.  
 fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come Him.  
 grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come You.

## †Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Kingsfold” Suite  
III. Canon

by David Dahl

Message

*Jesus’ Family Tree: Tamar and Judah*

Carol McEntyre

## Invitation to Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts:

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Our souls magnify you, O Lord, and our spirits rejoice in you, for you are our Savior. In every generation, you have shown the vulnerable your favor and have blessed the poor in their need. You sent your only Son, Jesus, into our world to be a light among us, the light of your love. In weakness, he took on our flesh in the form of a child to live and grow as one of us. In weakness and strength, he showed forth your love and followed your call, even to death upon a cross for our sakes. Then you raised him from the dead to reign with you in glory, and promised his return to us in power to bring us into your everlasting kingdom. For all this, we thank you, O God. We live in that hope and await his coming again, raising our voices in fervent prayer.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

On the night that Christ was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Similarly, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying: Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me.

So with this bread and this cup we remember that your mercy endures from age to age on all who seek you. Through Christ, through us, and through your whole Church you have done great by those whom others consider vulnerable, weak, misfits, and outsiders. Together, we proclaim your greatness and your humility.

**For you are the God of Tamar and Judah  
of Rahab and Salmon,  
of Ruth and Boaz,  
of Bathsheba and David,  
of Mary and of Joseph,  
of us and the saints of every age;**

Be with us at our table, O God, in our eating and in our drinking  
**that the Spirit of hope is kindled in our hearts and in our lives,  
uniting us in him who came and will come again, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

### **The Bread Broken, The Cup Shared**

**†Hymn of Commitment 167**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**†Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Kingsfold” Suite  
VI. Chorale

by David Dahl



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# Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping 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.

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, December 1

**4:00 pm First Kids' Choir**

*Choir Room*

**5:30 pm College & Young Adult Small Group**

*Student Suite*

## Monday, December 2

**9-10:30 Senior Yoga**

*Parlor*

**1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting**

*Office Commons*

**5:30 pm Serving Team (Missions) Meeting**

*Office Commons*

## Tuesday, December 3

**11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters**

*Conference Room*

## Wednesday, December 4

**5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**

*Fellowship Hall*

**6-7:15pm The Calling**

*Student Suite*

**6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

**7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**

*Sanctuary*

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# Announcements

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## Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out an information card during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

## New Sermon Series

Our Advent worship theme this year is *Jesus' Family Tree: A Vulnerable Genealogy*. We will explore the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 1. Matthew opens his account of Jesus' life with a list of names: the genealogy of Jesus' family on his father Joseph's side. At first glance these verses appear to be a simple collection of names and seem kind of boring, but these verses, like Mary, are pregnant with hidden treasure. Specifically, these verses mention five women and their families. In a time when genealogies didn't normally contain even a single female name, why are these women included? These particular women, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary are all vulnerable- either young or poor, two are widows, all are disenfranchised.

## Christmas Dinner- December 15

On Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm is First Baptist's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come prepared for a lovely meal in the Fellowship Hall with turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church and wonderful side dishes and desserts made by you and your First Baptist friends. We will sing carols and hear musical offerings from our First Kids Choir. We hope you will join us.

## VAC Family Christmas 2019

First Baptist is sponsoring 3 families this year through VAC's Holiday Program. Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a non-profit that exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gap between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season. First Baptist is participating again in this needed ministry. In addition to toys, books, and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program. Cards with individual gift requests will be available Sunday, November 24 on the bulletin board, in the hallway, outside the Sanctuary. Get involved by choosing an item that you would like to donate, take the card, then return the purchased item to the church by December 8. Items do not need to be wrapped but we do ask that you include the card from the bulletin board with your gift. If you do not have time to shop but still want to participate, you can make a monetary donation by December 1. Simply indicate "VAC Family Christmas" on your check or offering envelope. A few of our "shopping elves" will be making a trip to pick up last minute items. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Interim Administration, and Missions, with questions at [mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org).

## Poinsettia Orders

During the Advent season, First Baptist Church will be adorned with beautiful Poinsettias. If you would like to order one or more, please fill out an order envelope located at the entrance to the worship spaces and in the office. Each plant is \$10 and the **orders are due December 15**. The memorials and honors will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22.





**For Children During Worship:**

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

**10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:**

Birth-Age 3 Childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, which is 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 are located on the second floor:

-*The Bible Tells Me So* Discussion Group in the Parlor

-Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.

-Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

\*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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