

Jesus' Family Tree:



A Vulnerable
Genealogy

Our Worship of God

December 8, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✧ **The Second Sunday of Advent** ✧

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Pastorale on J.S. Bach/ Jane McFadden
Lo, How a Rose
Chancel Bells, Tamila Freitas, flute

†Call to Worship (responsive)

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation,
we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah and his lineage
of a God who works through the vulnerable and through us.**

We come to listen for words of hope and joy,
promise and challenge.

We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts.

**We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us
in this season of waiting.**

Come! Let us worship our God—
the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

†Processional Hymn 135

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

†Passing the Peace of Christ

*Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all
and shed his blood
that we might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven,
all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth,
ye saints below,
for Christ is coming,
is coming soon,
for Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
for Christ will be their all!*

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

The second candle is lit

Here is the ember of peace:
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.

Matthew 1:1, 4c-5a

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Nahshon was the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab.

Joshua 2:6, 16-25

Rahab had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof.

She said to them, "Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way." The men said to her, "We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you." She said, "According to your words, so be it." She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

They departed and went into the hill country and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. The pursuers had searched all along the way and found nothing. Then the two men came down again from the hill country. They crossed over, came to Joshua son of Nun, and told him all that had happened to them. They said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; moreover all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before us."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Five Women: Rahab

played by Angel Kenison-Scott

†Hymn

Remember Faithful Rahab

Sung to ELLACOMBE

Remember faithful Rahab
who harbored Hebrew spies
by using devious methods
invention, intrigue, lies.
Along with Egypt's midwives
Rahab defies the king.
She lets men out her window
from which hung a red string.

When Joshua led the army
destroying Jericho
her family took refuge
in her house, lying low.
Rahab becomes the midwife
for a new Israel,
convinced that now God gives them
this land where they may dwell.

Can we, too, risk beginning
anew when God calls us
to act with faith for others
who place in us their trust?
Remember righteous Rahab,
ancestress of our Lord.
She lives with all the faithful
bound by the Spirit's cord.

Message

Jesus' Family Tree: Rahab and Salmon

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have
 3. The shep-herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an -
 4. This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu -



hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as
 in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was
 the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who



men of old have sung. It came, a flow - er bright,
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right
 born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;
 dost our weak - ness know, bring us at last, we pray,



a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half-spent was the night.
 she bore for us a Sav - ior, when half-spent was the night.
 and in the man-ger found Him, as an - gel her - alds said.
 from sin and death He saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 to the bright courts of heav - en and to Thy end - less day.

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

I Saw Three Ships/
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Colleen Ostercamp, organ
Tamila Freitas, flute

arr. Basi

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

Call to Worship posted on the Ministry Matters website.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4431/worship-elements-december-8-2013>

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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.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 8

4:00 pm First Kids' Choir

Choir Room

5:30 pm College Christmas Party

McEntyre's House

Monday, December 9

9-10:30 Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Office Commons

5:30 pm Serving (Missions) Team Meeting

Office Commons

Tuesday, December 10

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, December 11

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

Announcements

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.

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.

Pledge Updates

Last year we received 82 pledges totaling \$330,763 to support the life and ministry of First Baptist Church. We are hopeful to match these numbers for 2020, but we need your help. As of Tuesday, December 3, 2019, we have received pledge commitments from 58 individuals/households totaling \$251,834 for next year. The pledges for the year are used to establish the church budget, which is voted on in January. Your commitment is essential to the life of our church. We are grateful to all who have committed to help sustain our ministry next year and are asking those who have not yet pledged to please consider how you can support our church family. Pledge cards are available at the entry areas of our worship spaces, or you can call the office and we would be happy to provide one.

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.

\$2,000 for Hurricane Relief

Thank you to everyone who gave to help those who have suffered greatly in light of the damage done by recent hurricanes. We raised over \$2,000 to give to the American Baptist "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. One hundred percent of donations to One Great Hour of Sharing go towards relief efforts, no dollars are retained for administrative costs. Your generosity will be a tangible and needed example of Christ's love to those who are trying to rebuild their lives in the wake of these storms.

The Calling – First Baptist Youth

The Calling will meet on our regular schedule Wednesday, December 11 in the Youth Suite (6:00pm-7:15pm). The Christmas party will be at 6:00 pm on December 18 at the McEntyre's house.



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.

1st- 5th 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.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Interim Administration

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