

The First Sunday of Advent

We Come Prepared to Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"The Word was first . . . the Word was God.
The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."
John 1:1,14 (The Message)

PRELUDE

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"
(Arr. Larry Shackley)

WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

*HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #133 (vv 1,3,5)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Christ, Be Our Light" The Pickup Family
Chancel Choir

Responsive Litany – "Hope for Those Who Wait"

L: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

P: How long, O Lord, how long?

L: For those waiting for answered prayer:

P: Grant your steadfast patience.

L: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

P: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

L: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

P: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

L: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

**P: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait,
the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Chorus "Christ, Be Our Light" Choir & Congregation
Prayer

{Children Grades K through 6 are dismissed to downstairs learning in the Drama Room 101.
Parents please come to room 101 to pick up your children following worship.}

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #135

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-18 Ben Slaton

VIDEO

"God Became Flesh" Igniter Media

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERINGS

Offering Prayer

Ben Slaton

Offertory Anthem

"Prepare the Way"

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

"The Names of Jesus: 'The Word'"

Pastor Dan Cash

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come, Share the Lord"

#782

COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S TABLE

An Invitation to Communion

Prayers at the Table

Sharing the Bread

"A Song of Peace"

(Matt Schinske)

Sharing the Cup

"A Wordless Hymn"

(John Turner)

Passing the Peace

*HYMN

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

#140 (2 times)

-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.

The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Celebration in G Major"

(Shayla L. Blake)

We Depart to Serve

*All who are able may stand

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The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Heidi Putterill, Randy Wheeler

Happy Anniversary: Jerald & Adrienne Hatton (12/7/74)

Flowers given by: Marj Betz in memory of her sisters, LaVonne Zimmerman & Norma Horn

Emergency Responder – Kim Hamon

Cookie Ministry – Janet Bailey

Pastoral Care Team for this week – Tim & Paula Pickup

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

TODAY, December 1

9:30 am – Worship
10:45 am – 2nd Hour
10:45 am – Advent Study (Chapel)

MONDAY, December 2

1:00 pm – Jubilation Ringers
4:00 pm – Prayer Group

TUESDAY, December 3

9:00 am – BSF
11:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 pm – Staff Meeting
2:00 pm – Hannah Circle

WEDNESDAY, December 4

9:00 am – BSF
6:00 pm – Adult Education Team
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 6

9-11 am – Christmas Pantry Packing Party
(At Fair Oaks Mall – old Hibbett Sports)

SATURDAY, December 7

9:30-11:00 am – Breakfast with the Angels

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am – Worship
10:30 am – Special Called Business Meeting
10:45 am – 2nd Hour
10:45 am – Advent Study (Chapel)
5:30 pm – Wings for the Journey Memorial Service (Fellowship Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 11 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)
Dec. 11 – Worship Planning Team (5:00 pm)
Dec. 14 – Choir Dress Rehearsal (9:00 am)
Dec. 15 – Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 15 – Choir Christmas Cantata (during worship)
Dec. 17 – Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00 pm)
Dec. 25-27 – Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
Dec. 29 – Pitch-In Coffee Fellowship (Last names Q-Z)

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

To Our Guests: We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

Prayer Cards in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

Welcome Information: Information about our congregation & ministry is available on the back ledge of the sanctuary or through one of the greeters.

Child Care/Children's Ministries: Child Care is provided for infants & toddlers. Children, grades K-6, are dismissed early in worship to share a time of faith formation during the worship hour. Children's area is located on the lower level. **Parents remember to pick up your children in room 101 after worship.**

Flowers/Decorations: Please fill out a card located on the back ledge of the sanctuary if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

Find us online at www.firstbaptistcolumbus.org and Like Us on Facebook.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Rev. David Brown, Interim Music Minister
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian
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MESSENGER EXTRA

ADVENT 2ND HOUR STUDY

“Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph” is the name of a four session Advent elective that will be offered during 2nd Hour **today**. Led by Pastors Dan & David, this Adam Hamilton designed study will engage participants around Joseph’s place in the Nativity story. Join us in the Chapel. For those participating, please pick up a book today in the Gathering Place. Cost is \$10.

LOVE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS PANTRY

This year, FBC signed up to provide at least 500 boxes of cereal for the Love Chapel Christmas Pantry. We now have 521 boxes. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

FBC will be packing food items for the Love Chapel Christmas Pantry on Friday, Dec. 6 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Fair Oaks Mall. All are welcome to join the FBC team! Sign-up sheets are on the table beside the Kitchen. Contact Cliff or Sue Putterill if you have any questions or suggestions.

BREAKFAST WITH THE ANGELS

Sat., Dec. 7 ~ 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Once again, this year we will be sharing a special Advent Children’s event – “Breakfast with the Angels.” All children are welcome, with their parents, grandparents, or other family members. We will share breakfast, crafts of the season, and a story time. This is a great way to begin the Advent season with the child(ren) in your life. Come join us!

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a special called business meeting immediately following worship next **Sun., Dec. 8**, to approve the 2020 church budget and elect the Church Council.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR

“THE WINTER ROSE” (by Joseph & Pamela Martin)

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 DURING WORSHIP

A lovely cantata, complete with soaring melodies, special soloists, and a beautiful tapestry of actual roses that will adorn the front of the sanctuary as the music unfolds. This Advent, we are considering some of the various names for Jesus, and so it is appropriate that we sing a cantata about Christ, the Rose of Sharon. Roses are special; they symbolize love and peace and beauty, and in the church, they represent an expression of faith that speaks from the heart. Plan to come and bring a friend!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

TUESDAY, DEC. 24 – 7:00 P.M.



The Names of Jesus – “The Word”

What we call Jesus can determine what our relationship with Him will be.

What are your favorite names for Jesus, found in the Gospel of John?

John’s use of “The Word” (logos) to name Jesus combines the following:
- from Hebrew thought: _____

- from Greek thought: _____

Our Interest in Jesus as “The Word” as Christ followers today:

- The Word is Eternal:
- The Word is _____:
- The Word is _____:

A quote from N.T. Wright: *John has often been misread as though it was telling humans how to leave the present world and get to heaven. In reality, it is explaining how heaven itself, in the person of the Lord, came to dwell among us; how the one through whom all things were made came to rescue and renew the created world.*
Source: *The New Testament in Its World*

Q: How does John’s “Christology” (thinking about Christ) shape his “ecclesiology” (thinking about the Church)?

Q: What is your response to Jesus, “The Word”?

