

# The Third Sunday of Advent

## We Come Prepared to Worship

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

From the earliest Christian time, the rose has been a symbol of divine love. As the Choir sings this morning, may Christ, the Rose of Sharon, open before you, and may your spirit be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift.

**PRELUDE** "Good King Wenceslas" (Arr. G. M. Martin) 4-Hand Piano  
"Sing We Now of Christmas" (Arr. E. Foncannon)

### 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, all Ye Faithful" #173

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** The Olson Family  
"Christ, Be Our Light" Choir & Congregation

### Responsive Litany – "Hope for Those Who Are Watching"

L: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**P: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**P: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**P: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion and grace.

**P: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

L: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**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 Advent Candles

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

{No Kids Connection today. We would like the children to stay and enjoy the Christmas Cantata. Nursery & Pre-K classes are still available downstairs.}

### WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERINGS

#### Offering Prayer

**Offertory** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
(Arr. R. Lau)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Solomon 2:1-2; Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-10 (NIV)

### THE MESSAGE IN SONG

First Baptist Chancel Choir

#### "The Winter Rose"

By Joseph & Pamela Martin

"The Winter Rose"

"When Will He Come"

"Advent Cry"

(Soloist – Deanna Glick)

"Every Valley"

"Carol of Remembrance"

(Soloist – Sharon Tobias)

"Lullaby to a Rose"

(Duet – Breanne Vogelpohl & Jeff Caldwell)

"In the Judean Hills"

"Dance Into the Light"

"The Rose Tree Carol"

"The Winter Rose (Reprise)"

(Soloist – Lois Griffith)

"Look to the Rose"

"Lo, How a Rose"

### HYMN

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

#126

-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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
(Arr. J. A. Behnke)

### We Depart to Serve

\*All who are able may stand

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

### TODAY, December 15

Newsletter Deadline  
9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour  
10:45 am – Advent Study (Chapel)

### MONDAY, December 16

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

### TUESDAY, December 17

11:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 pm – Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm – Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, December 18

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, December 20

6:15 am – Men of Faith Bible Study (at Four Seasons)

### NEXT SUNDAY, December 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:30 am – Worship – “Emmanuel”, Matthew 1:18-25, Pastor Dan Cash  
10:45 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour  
10:45 am – Advent Study (Chapel)

### LOOKING AHEAD

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)  
Jan. 19 – Inquiry Meeting for those new to FBC (2nd Hour)  
Jan. 26 – Annual Meeting (2nd Hour)

## 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](http://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  
Barry Ferrill, Custodian; Melissa Hernandez, Nursery Care Supervisor  
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Emmanuel  
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## MESSENGER EXTRA

### The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- Heidi Putterill, Randy Wheeler
- We extend sympathy to Jeff & Gretchen Seeley upon the death of Jeff's father, Elmer Seeley, on Dec. 5; and to the Cash Family upon the death of Pastor Dan's mother, Joan Cash, on Dec. 4.

**Happy Birthday:** Kenny Tull (12/16)

**Happy Anniversary:** Ted & Carol Burton (12/18/55)

**Emergency Responder** – Forest Daugherty      **Cookie Ministry** – Janet Bailey  
**Pastoral Care Team for this week** – Ron & Peggy Lane

**Welcome to worship at First Baptist on this third Sunday of Advent.** We continue in our series "The Names of Jesus" today with "The Rose of Sharon."

### CANTATA PARTICIPANTS

Piano – Carla Williams

Narrator – Molly Nelson

#### Sopranos

Judy Alexander  
Susan Carter  
Deanna Glick  
Lois Griffith  
Sharon Tobias  
Corie Wheeler

#### Altos

Juanita Bush  
Beth Caldwell  
Jan Carlstrom  
Alice Richmond  
Breanne Vogelpohl

#### Tenors

Ted Burton  
Jeff Caldwell  
Adrienne Hatton  
Tim Pickup

#### Basses

Jerald Hatton  
Larry Mayfield  
Bob Rhude  
Kerry Richmond

### ADVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR STUDY

"Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph", our Advent elective study, continues in the Chapel during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour with Pastor Dan leading this week's session. Join Us!



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE TUESDAY, DEC. 24 – 7:00 P.M.

**Dear Family & Friends: We'd like to invite you to join us in celebrating Jeff Caldwell's retirement!** Please stop by Otter Creek golf course next Sun., Dec. 22, from 3-6 p.m. Bring the kids too!! We'll plan to have a time for anyone who would like to "roast", or share memories of working with Jeff over the years, around 4 p.m. We realize this is a very busy time of year, and we understand if you can't, but we really hope you can stop by, even if only for a few minutes! If you can join us, please let us know with an RSVP to [bethcaldwell1@gmail.com](mailto:bethcaldwell1@gmail.com). If you can't stop by, please drop Jeff a note to his email: [jeffreycaldwell58@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreycaldwell58@gmail.com). Hope to see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

## Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL

### Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to-day.

The musical score is written on four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you would like to donate for Advent/Christmas decorations, please complete this form, include your check, & place in offering plate by **TODAY**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

We will publish a list of donors and the person you wish to remember in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.