



First Baptist Church

December 21, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Worship of God

Prelude *The Promised Saviour* -James Southbridge

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Choral Introit – The Promise of Joy

Lighting of the Advent Candle Missy, Trey, TJ, and Alyssa Fincher

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the silence to be broken,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding,

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines* (see back of bulletin)

Prayer of Joy Missy, Trey, TJ, and Alyssa Fincher

†Hymn of Praise 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time Jeff Harris

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after the Children's Time)

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (p. 276) Jeff Harris

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are ready, and may be picked up today. The boxes are labeled and on the counter in the church kitchen.

December 14, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,697	GraceItForward	\$20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 316,608		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 333,700		

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Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Malik Miller
 I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
 You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
“I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.”’
 Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: ‘I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.
I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
He shall cry to me, “You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!”

New Testament Reading	Romans 16:25-27 (p. 156)	Candace Wilson
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:47-55 (p. 57)	Jeff Harris
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		Jeff Harris
†Hymn of Dedication 103	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
Proclamation of the Word	<i>Season of Rejoicing</i> (see insert)	The Chancel Choir
Offertory Prayer		Kathryn Smith
Offertory and Meditation	<i>In Night’s Dark Silence</i>	-Christopher Uehlein
†Doxology 100 (Refrain)	<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo!</i>	GLORIA
†Hymn of Response 87	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord is Come</i>	ANTIOCH
†Benediction		Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines* (see back of bulletin)
 Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* -J. Wayne Kerr

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 21	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Advent IV Worship, Season of Rejoicing
	3:00 pm	Caroling
Wednesday, December 24	9:00 am	Office hours – 9am-1pm
	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Thursday, December 25	All day	Office closed – Merry Christmas!
Sunday, December 28	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, December 29	All day	Office Closed
Wednesday, December 31	9:00 am	Office hours – 9am-1pm
Thursday, January 1	All day	Office Closed – Happy New Year!

Acolytes for today’s service are Ella Waldman and Laney Littlefield.

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you will experience a meaningful time of worship. As your offering today, please complete a welcome card, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Please give generously as you exit.

Please join us for carols, candles, and communion on **Christmas Eve, at 5pm.**

All donations and contributions for 2014 must be turned into the church office by next **Sunday, December 28.** The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 29.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the winter months. The collection box located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School Classroom, and will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time it is full.

Refuge is sponsoring a mission to raise money for livestock through the Heifer International Program. Leave your donation in the offering plate or the church office. If you have questions, talk with Phillip Feagan or a Refuge youth. Refuge will appreciate your help.

If you purchased a poinsettia you may take it home after worship.

A very special thank-you to sound technician **Danny Fox**

Season of Rejoicing

By Susan Naylor Callaway and Mark Cabaniss

Presented by the Chancel Choir
Amber Fincher-McEntire and Ben McEntire, Narrators

Season of Rejoicing with “Good Christians All, Rejoice”

Monologue: The Shepherd

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear with “How Great Our Joy”

Monologue: The Innkeeper

O Little Town of Bethlehem with “O Holy Night”

Monologue: Mary, the Mother of Jesus

“Tiny Infant, Holy King”

Monologue: Contemporary Woman

Joy to the World with “Season of ‘Rejoicing”

Personnel

Soprano

Debby Covil
Sandy Frady
Becky Hudson
Mona Kimble
Kim McFarland
Sadie McKaig
Alice Tennant

Alto

Barbara Batchler
Paula Edwards
Di Greene
Carol Hickey
Judy Lair

Tenor

Phillip Edwards
Laura Spinks
Alex Tapp
Dick Wilson

Bass

Dan Kimble
Bob Lair
Ken Raymond
John Spinks
Franklin Williams

The Shepherd – Jeff Harris

The Innkeeper – Stephen Morris

Mary – Sydney Waldman

Contemporary Woman – Erin Fox

Mona Kimble and Dan Kimble, **costume and drama consultants**

Leslie Raymond, **accompanist**

Candace Wilson, **conductor**