



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 25, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Christmas Day

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

Rise and Shine! (For Your Light has Come) -Trad. French, arr. Joseph Martin

Lighting the Advent Candles

-David, Diane, & Katie Cothran

Congregational Response

Adeste Fidelis

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Call to Worship

Jeff Harris

Wake us up, O Lord,

to the beauty and goodness that surround us.

Teach us patience,

so that we might be faithful followers of Jesus.

Guide us in your ways of simplicity and contentment,

for the sake of the world.

For a child has been born for us;

and his name is

Wonderful Counsellor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

†**Hymn 87, Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come**

ANTIOCH

†**Invocation**

Phil Scoggins

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Hymn Introduction

Kay Greene

Duet

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

John & Laura Spinks

Children's Time

"Impromptu Nativity"

(Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 610)

Ellis Fincher

Responsive Reading, Psalm 96

Jamie Greene

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

New Testament Reading, Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 (p. 205)

Marian Corn

Gospel Reading, John 1:1-18 (p. 89)

Jeff Harris

Solo

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Sandy Frady

Meditation

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Carol Requests

†Hymn 118, *What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†Offertory Prayer

Harper Harris

Offertory and Meditation

Though Didst Leave Thy Throne

-arr. Cindy Berry

†Doxology 253, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE**Opportunities for Service**

Jeff Harris

†**Benediction**

Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response***Adeste Fidelis*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

†**Postlude***Angels We Have Heard on High*

-Humphrey Turner

Acolytes for today's service are Harper Harris and Simms Harris.

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Christmas Food Boxes Given to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

Ed & Nancy Britton	In Honor and Memory of our Parents
Elizabeth Burrell	In Honor of our Staff at First Baptist Church
Sally Jo Carter	In Honor of Jodi & Jeff Harris
Keith & Debbie Collins	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of Bill & Dot McFarland
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of CT and Anniebelle Hudson
JT & Cathy Johnson	In Memory of Christopher Todd Johnson
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Launa Metcalf, Evelyn Chapman, & Jane Strong
Beth & Rick McCallister	In Memory of Meredith
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Ellis and Linda Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Gerald and Carole McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Ellis & Ann Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hulon & Betty McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Frances Henson
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hazel Forrester
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Homer & Allen Durham
Ken & Leslie Raymond	In Honor of our Mothers, Judith Reddix & Eileen Moore
Robbie & Leta Scruggs	In Memory of R.B. and Polly Scruggs
Franklin Williams	In Memory of Dad and Mother

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 25	11:00	am	Worship
Monday, December 26	all	day	Office closed
Tuesday, December 27	all	day	Office closed
Wednesday, December 28	all	day	No Activities
Sunday, January 1	10:00	pm	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
Monday, January 2	all	day	Office Closed

We thank Sandy Frady, John and Laura Spinks, and Phil and Paula Edwards for their music today.

The church office will be closed on December 26 and 27.

Please have all year-end contributions into the church office by Thursday, December 29.

Thanks for your generous and faithful giving in 2016. As you consider your giving for the upcoming year, we have provided a 2017 Estimate of Giving card for your own use. If you have not received one, there are Estimate of Giving cards at the entrances.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve on a ministry team. There is a place of service for everyone, and we hope that you will find your place. Teams differ from committees, in that you may stay with a team for as little or as long as you choose. There are sign-up sheets in the education hallway for each of these teams: Bereavement, Nursery, Children's Worship, Social, Greeter, Visitation, Mission, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Helping Hands, and Safety.

2017 Offering envelopes are available for pickup in the church parlor.

Committees should plan to meet in the next few weeks, in order to choose a chairperson. Please call the church office to schedule your meeting.

December 18, 2016

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 13,243	TN Wildfire Relief	\$ 55	Heifer International	\$ 10
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Lottie Moon	\$ 165	Pastor's Library	\$ 400
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 353,681	Food Pantry	\$ 305		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 340,833	Christmas Food Boxes	\$ 260		

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