



# *Our Worship of God*

*December 7, 2025*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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## *~ Second Sunday of Advent ~*

*“Your voice  
will get you  
in good trouble*

*when you use it  
to disrupt  
the status quo,*

*when you raise it  
to disturb  
the false peace.*

*Go get yourself  
in some good,  
necessary trouble.”*

*- Drew Edward Jackson*

### **Gathering Chime**

*As the bell is chimed, we invite you to pause, center yourself,  
and prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

**Welcome & Prayer**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

**†Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

We gather together in this place:

**prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,**  
we who dare to imagine a world renewed;  
**we who dare to dream God's dream.**

We watch with John.

**God's peace will soon appear.**  
The hills and valleys will meet,  
**and all things will be at rest.**

We long for a world restored, renewed.

**The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.**  
Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.  
**We have come to wonder and praise.**

**†Opening Song**

Will to Dream

**Children's Message**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

## Lighting of the Candle of Peace (responsive)

The Ray Family

The birth of Jesus has been told and retold  
a thousand times and in a thousand ways.

**Its impact cannot be contained in any one perspective.**

**But who is telling the story changes how we hear it,  
how we imagine it, how we experience it.**

**We light the candle of hope because hope creates a path for a new,  
unknown story to unfold.**

### *Guided Meditation on Peace*

A cry is a call for peace. Peace in an unfed belly, peace for safety and security,  
peace to be clean and have dignity. The infant Jesus broke the silence,  
crying out to bring peace to the world.

Jesus, like Malachi, John, and other prophets before him,  
calls us in the loudest of cries to peace.

**Today, we also light the candle of peace because peace requires us  
to pay attention to the needs of those around us.**

## Scripture Reading

Jonathan Ray

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea  
announcing, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of  
heaven!” He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

*The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight.”*

John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist.  
He ate locusts and wild honey.

People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to Christ.**

**† Song**

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

**Embodiment Practice**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**Sharing Our Gifts**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **Anthem**

## **Comfort, Comfort**

arr. John Ferguson

*Chancel Choir*

Noah Hartsfield, *cymbells*

Hugh Emerson & Colleen Ostercamp, *recorder*

Ken Ostercamp, *cajón*

*"Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!" So says our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!*

*For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
Calling us to true repentance, since the kingdom now is here.*

*Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!*

*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!*

*Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!*

*For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

## **Message**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **Communion**

## **†Song**

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Noah Hartsfield, *cymbells*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*True God of true God, Light from Light external,  
Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest";  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

## **†Life of the Church**

Pastor Kristin McAtee

## **†Benediction**

Go out into the world, embracing the will to dream,  
and may the peace we have experienced here sustain you for the days ahead.

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# Worship Notes

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*Good Trouble*, by Drew Edward Jackson from *God Speaks Through Wombs: Poems on God's Unexpected Coming*.

*Will to Dream*, Words & Music by Nathan Evans Fox, Andrea Hamilton, and Amanda Meisenheimer

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*, Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Taylor Popadic CCLI Song #7071972 © Meaux Mercy; Moody Producer Music; Be Essential Songs; I Am A Pilgrim Songs; Rachel Taylor Music

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Words: Latin hymn. Music: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

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## Week at a Glance

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### Sunday, December 7

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Combined Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
followed by a business meeting
- 4:00 pm Intergenerational Advent in the College Room

### Monday, December 8

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, December 9

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 10

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 11

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

### Sunday, December 14

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm Intergenerational Advent in the College Room
- 5:00 pm Christmas Dinner



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# Announcements

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## Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at [fbc-columbia.org/connect](http://fbc-columbia.org/connect)



## Combined Worship & Church Business Meeting – This Sunday

This Sunday, December 7, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 11:15 am, followed by a vote on our 2026 Budget and Nominating Committee Report. Bible Study will be held at its regular time of 10:15am.

### Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

2026 Church Budget

Nominating Committee Report

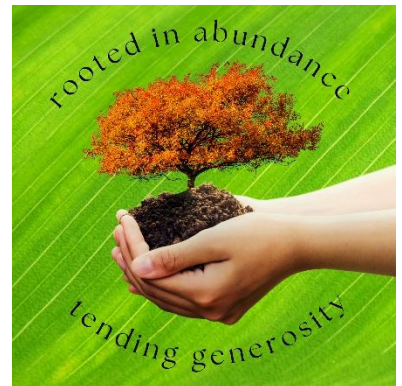
Telling Team Request for Funds

Other Business

Adjourn

## Rooted in Abundance, Tending Generosity

Last week, we asked you to prayerfully consider your giving for next year. We know this is a personal and sensitive matter, but it is also a spiritual discipline. Pledge cards are available for you to record your commitment. *You can turn in your pledge anonymously.* We encourage all to make a pledge as a prayerful practice, and as a way to help our church practice good stewardship. Cards can be placed in the offering plates.

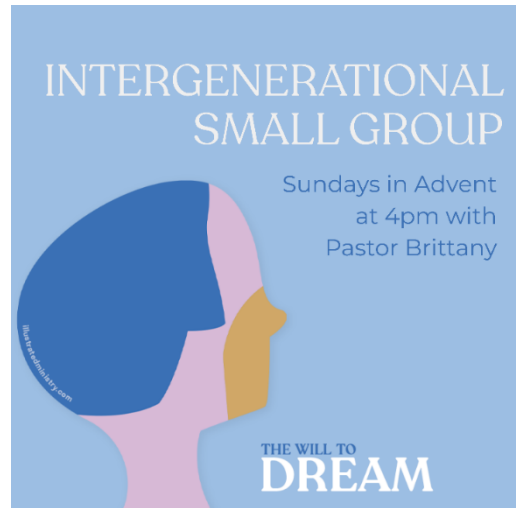


## Intergenerational Advent - Sundays at 4 pm

### **Sharing shapes our faith.**

We grow alongside one another when we listen deeply, share our stories, and make space for the experiences of others. This Advent, we are practicing that together through an intergenerational small group using the *Will to Dream* curriculum.

This resource works best when upper elementary students, youth, and adults participate together in shared conversation. Even so, we welcome all ages to take part in ways that are meaningful for them. Childcare will be available for those who need it. Our time together will focus on building relationships and learning about God from one another.



Each gathering will include a sharing circle inspired by Indigenous practices often called a Talking Circle, where every person has an equal and honored voice. We will also share in hands-on activities, prayer, reflection, and songs. The season itself calls us into shared life. Elizabeth and Mary shared their experiences of pregnancy, animals shared their space, shepherds shared good news, and magi shared their gifts. **We will meet Sundays November 30 through December 28 at 4:00 pm in the College Room, on the first floor of the Connector Building.** We hope you will join us as we learn, listen, and dream together this season.

## First Baptist Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 14 at 5pm

We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meat and beverages will be provided by the church, and excellent side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. To help ensure we have a variety of food, we encourage you to bring a side dish if your last name begins A-M and a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z. Come feast and celebrate with us!



# Blue Christmas

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

December 21 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary

## Blue Christmas – December 21 - 6 pm in the Sanctuary

We know that while the holiday season is full of cheer and expectation, many also hold grief and sadness. As a way to make space for difficult emotions during the holiday season, particularly grief around endings and anxiety around new beginnings, you are invited to a contemplative Blue Christmas service on December 21. Our service will provide space for silence, prayer, and lament.



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