

MORNING WORSHIP

☩ Sunday, December 17, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

Prelude "Carol of the Manger" arr. Wood

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism -- 11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship "Christmas Music Box" arr. Miller
Bronze Praise

RESPONSIVE READING

LEADER: The Lord has done great things for us!

PEOPLE: **And we are filled with joy!**

LEADER: Our God has turned our weeping into singing

PEOPLE: **And our tears into joy!**

LEADER: Our souls magnify the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

LEADER: Rejoice in the Lord always!

PEOPLE: **Again, I say, "Rejoice!"**

EVERYONE: **As we worship, we rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming!**

*Hymn 271 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" Beethoven

*Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Welcome to Worship Robby Barrett
(Visitors are invited to come to the Welcome Center following the service)

Scripture, Prayer, and Lighting of the Joy Candle Larry and Ann Heard
Luke 1:46-55

Hymn 269 "How Great Our Joy!" Traditional German Carol
(Children come to the front to meet with the pastor.)

Pastor's Pals Pastor

Hymn 269 "How Great Our Joy!" Traditional German Carol

*Congregation standing
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Chorus "Living Hope" Wickham/Martin

*How great the chasm that lay between us;
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.*

*Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished; the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

**Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free.
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of Ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.*

*The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

CHORUS

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise;
Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!*

CHORUS

*Carol 270 "Joy to the World" Handel

*Prayer of Stewardship 8:30 a.m. -- Kevin Hare
11:00 a.m. -- Swanson Hagerman

Offertory "Almost There" arr. Sorenson

Sermon "Joy" Pastor
*Luke 2:8-20
(Pew Bible page 1020-1021)*

*Invitation Carols 262/263 "Away in a Manger" arr. Murray/Cason
"What Can I Give Him?"

Ministries of the Church Family Robby Barrett

Recognition of Public Decisions

Benediction Pastor

Postlude "The First Noel" arr. Bish

EVENING WORSHIP

Prelude "O Come, Little Children" arr. Wood

Call to Worship "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" Boswell/Papa/
Parker and Kathryn Bowen Bleecker

*Hymn 259 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Smart

*Welcome to Worship Molly Villyard

*Chorus 44 "Crown Him King of Kings" Damazio

*Prayer Molly Villyard

Special Music "O Come, All You Unfaithful" Kauflin/Clow
Sarah Shafer, soloist

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-3

*Hymn 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Hymn "Turn Your Eyes" Winebarger/Trout/
Romanacce/Stiff

*Hymn 648 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Prichard

*Offertory Prayer Cecil Carpenter

Offertory "See Amid the Winter's Snow" arr. Forrest
Marcus Bradford, soloist

Sermon "The Gift of a Story" Corey Stewart
*2 Timothy 1:1-9
(Pew Bible page 1190)*

*Invitation Hymn 760 "While We Are Waiting, Come" Cason

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Benediction Pastor

Postlude

Postlude "O Holy Night" arr. Bish

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Welcome

First Baptist Church has both a rich tradition and a promising future. We share the love of Christ with all people, and our membership comes from the four corners of the globe. In fact, one Sunday School class is representative of more than 10 different nations! Despite our diversity, we come together each week to praise God with one voice. At First Baptist Church, you'll feel the warmth and love of the body of Christ. We look forward to getting to know you and introducing our church family to your family.

God bless you,



Howie Batson



CHURCH STAFF

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Minister to Laotians

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 17 - December 23

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

BIBLE READING: 2 Peter 1-3
DEACON OF THE DAY: Mike Burt
8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 a.m. Book Library Open (203)
9:45 a.m. BIBLE STUDY
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE
4:30 p.m. Bridges Leaders & AGL Meeting (102)
6:00 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

BIBLE READING: 1 John 1-5
DEACON OF THE DAY: Ernie Boyd
6:00 a.m. Family Life Center Open
9:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Exercise Class (Gym)
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Exercise Class (Weight Rm.)
9:00 a.m. Flower Ministry (FLC 202)
5:45 p.m. Sr. Adults -- Christmas Lights and Goodies (11th & Polk Ministry Ctr.)
6:00 p.m. Equipped Yoga with Rachel Reneau (FLC 202)
6:30 p.m. Potter County Jail Ministry
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers to the Continental (Siteaway)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

BIBLE READING: 2 John
DEACON OF THE DAY: Cecil Carpenter
6:00 a.m. Family Life Center Open
5:00 p.m. Yoga (FLC 202)
5:30 p.m. Barnabas Class Christmas Social (FLC Grande Rm.)
6:00 p.m. Dottie's Girls' Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

BIBLE READING: 3 John
DEACON OF THE DAY: Bruce Cotgreave
6:00 a.m. Family Life Center Open
9:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Exercise Class (Gym)
9:00 a.m. Sr. Ladies' Exercise Class (Weight Rm.)
9:00 a.m. Sr. Ladies' Tai Chi Class (FLC 202)
7:00 p.m. Randall County Jail Ministry
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (226)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

BIBLE READING: Jude
DEACON OF THE DAY: Tom Rose
6:00 a.m. Family Life Center Open
5:00 p.m. Yoga (FLC 202)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

BIBLE READING: Jude
DEACON OF THE DAY: Tommy Hill
6:00 a.m. Family Life Center Open
9:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Exercise Class (Gym)
9:00 a.m. Sr. Ladies' Exercise Class (Weight Rm.)

~~ Church Offices and FLC Closed at Noon ~~

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

BIBLE READING: Revelation 1-2
DEACON OF THE DAY: Mike Wright

~~ Family Life Center Closed for Christmas Holidays~~

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We are First Baptist.*



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