

The First Baptist Church at Worship
3rd Sunday of Advent / Christmas Music Sunday

December 12, 2010 10:30 AM

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

(We gather for personal and corporate reflection and prayer.)

I Saw Three Ships English Carol
setting by David H. Hegarty

French Carol Miniatures Hal H. Hopson
Noel Nouvelet Dors Ma Colombe
Touro-Louro-Touro Pat-A-Pan

Carols of the Angels Hayes-Gaspard
Gloria ~ Regent Square ~ Mendelssohn

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Genevan

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
ADESTE FIDELES

Last Sunday we opened the service with the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus processing to this hymn. This week it is our turn to call the faithful to return to Bethlehem to behold the King of kings and express our adoration for this wondrous miracle.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Dr. Rodney Kennedy

(Please register your attendance by filling out a YELLOW CARD from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag this morning.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP David Coggins

MOMENTS FOR MISSION Revs. Earnest & Marcus, Pat Rousseau

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Marcie Bogan & Randy Compton
Benjamin & Madeline Compton



Isaiah 35:10: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O Come, Emmanuel.

ADVENT PRAYER

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

A Holy Hush, v. 3
J. MILDRED SCHELL & JAMES C. DILL

As Ma-ry waits the long months through, hand maid of God is she. Tall.
Jo-seph pon-ders mi-ra-cles and stands by ten-der-ly. Wait with Ma-ry; care with
Jo-seph, Good news draws near! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jim Jackson

Isaiah 35:1-10: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy

shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir & FBC Brass

Gloria In Excelsis Deo Lloyd Larson

The FBC Brass
Mark Craig and Andy Brough - *Trombone*
Andy Black and Jacob Lindley - *Horn*
David Coggins, Ryan Gade, Brian West & Austin Williamson - *Trumpet*

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Kathy Jackson

James 5:7-10: Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 11:2-12: When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#163 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

This traditional German carol combines Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah with theological phrases about Christ's birth and His saving work. The first two stanzas tell the story of Christ's birth and the third stanza explains the meaning to all humankind.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Radachi

(Children in preK-grade 4 will be led downstairs for Sunday School. Younger Children preK-K will go to Room #4 and older children grades 1-4 will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
Mendelssohn (CCLI 1826847)

Musical score for 'Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord' with lyrics: Cast thy bur-den up-on the Lord, and He shall sus-tain thee; He ne-ver will suf-fer the right-eous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mer-cy Lord, is great and far a-bove the heavens: let none be made a-sham-ed that wait up-on Thee.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. C. Roland Marcus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

"Depressed Preachers at Advent"

The Response of God's People

(Please bring your pledge card and Sunday offering to the altar and place in basket.)

THE OFFERTORY

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach
Chorale from Cantata No. 147

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me
Fred Pratt Green (CCLI 1826847)

Musical score for 'Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me' with lyrics: Of all the Spir-it's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease to take and trea-sure most these three: love, joy and peace.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jim Jackson

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Persons wishing to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by confession of faith, transfer of letter, or statement of faith. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#152 Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

Noted hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck tells us that "The Bible teaches that angels are the ministering partners of God and that they are continually being sent to help and protect us." In this season of advent their most important task is to announce the most important birthday in our Christian history.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

We Go in Peace...
Fred Pratt Green (CCLI 1826847)

Musical score for 'We Go in Peace...' with lyrics: We go in peace, but made a-ware that, in a need-y world like this, our clear-est pur-pose is to share love, joy and peace.

*POSTLUDE

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

O Come, All Ye Faithful Cantus Diversi
Setting by Fred Bock

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Chapel, located in the Beaver Wing. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.



Worship Note

On the first Sunday of Advent, Dr. Kennedy reminded us, "Advent is not a sentimental season." Well, today's Gospel lesson from Matthew gives us a depressed preacher. Who has ever asked for a depressed preacher at Advent or Christmas or even for dinner? The stark honesty of John the Baptist impresses from the start. Here's a chance to be done with religious snobbery, game-playing, hypocrisy, mask-wearing pioucity and actually ask questions that matter. Did you know that people almost never ask the real questions of their pastor? They do the religious song and dance and ask the questions that make it impossible for the preacher to be honest and real and human. Well, here's an Advent text where we have a chance at some fresh air and some honesty. Let's come before this text together and take full advantage.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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St John the Baptist in the Prison
by Juan Fernandez de Navarrete

Our Mission Statement:

To celebrate God's love as a community of believers in Jesus Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to others.

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- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, Associate Pastor
- Rev. James Earnest, Assistant Pastor of Visitation
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, Assistant Pastor of Visitation
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