

The First Baptist Church at Worship
2nd Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday

December 5, 2010 10:30 AM

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Paul Manz
Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach

In Praise to the Lord

CHORAL INTROIT DGMC

O Come, All Ye Faithful John F. Wade

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #133 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

Our processional hymn comes from one of the earliest forms of sacred music known as Chant or Plain Song. The verses were sung, one every week of advent, and based on Old Testament descriptions of the coming Messiah: Emmanuel, Rod of Jesse, Dayspring, Key of David and Desire of Nations.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(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.)



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jason & Sara Hentschel

Mark 1:4: "John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, the Way. May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ADVENT PRAYER

Merciful God, You sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us the grace to heed their warnings and to forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

A Holy Hush, v. 2
J. MILDRED SCHELL & JAMES C. DILL



Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE Kathy Jackson

Romans 15:1-13: We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

ANTHEM DGMC & Chancel Choir

And the Child Grew Randall Thompson

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Dr. Rodney Kennedy

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

Matthew 3:1-12: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and

his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

PRESENTATION, DEDICATION & BLESSING

Simon Gregory Hatch

Born August 30, 2010

Parents: Derek and Sarah Hatch

Sponsors/Godparents: Timothy and Jessica Gabrielli

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Simon Gregory with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may by our teaching and example be guided to accept God's grace for himself, profess his faith openly, and lead a Christian life. We will pray for Sarah and Derek that they may be true disciples and witnesses who walk in the way that leads to life.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN All Earth is Hopeful
(CCLI 1826847)

The late Monsignor Alberto Taulé believed that every parish should have a dynamic evolving repertoire. As pastor of Barcelona's oldest church he composed many new worship songs based on native music. This hymn, translated by Madeleine Forell Marshall is one of Taulé's best known.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Johnelle Kennedy

(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.)

MUSICAL OFFERING DGMC & Chancel Choir
Ave Maria Franz Biebl

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Jim Earnest

THE SERMON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

"The Beginning Is Near"

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY DGMC

In the Bleak Midwinter Christina Rossetti

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



*OFFERTORY PRAYER Jim Jackson

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Today we extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to:

Roger Lee Brooks

*Roger joins by Statement of Faith.
His faith partner is Tim Holmen.*

Ryan Gade

*Ryan joins by Letter from Shadow Mountain Community Church, CA.
His faith partner is Rodney Kennedy.*

Ted and Gina Greenwood

*Ted and Gina join by Statement of Faith.
Their faith partners are Pete and Linda Thomson.*

Jason and Sara Hentschel

*Jason and Sara join by Letter from First Baptist Church, Dallas TX.
Their faith partners are Kyle and Shannon Brown.*

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrants: Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Marcus)

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Dr. Rod Kennedy

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you with thoughts not attentive to your will and too much in concert with the world, in words that are hurtful to our neighbors and disrespectful of others, and in deeds that fail to glorify your name. We have not loved you with our whole heart because we have loved other things first; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves because we are too much a part of the divisions and barriers of race and class. We are truly sorry and we repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Dr. Kennedy
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

BREAKING THE BREAD Dr. Kennedy
Let Us Break Bread Together #776 – Choirs & Congregation

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Marcus
I Gave My Life for Thee arr. McDonald
Debbie Lindley

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Marcus

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 #136 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
PUER NOBIS

Our closing hymn makes reference to John the Baptist. John took his message straight from the prophet Isaiah: "Repent, make straight the way of the Lord!" The second verse tells us to prepare ourselves, the third and fourth verses tell us what to expect, and the fifth verse is a song of praise.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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



*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough
Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach



Worship Notes

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!" This is John the Baptizer's one-line sermon and, while some have appropriated it for messages about cataclysmic events leading to "the end," I believe it is a proclamation about the beginning of God's reign of justice and peace. As we journey further into the Advent season, may God's Spirit help us to see the coming of this Kingdom as more promising than threatening.

Today we welcome the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus as they join us for morning worship. They will be singing arrangements of *O Come, All Ye Faithful* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*; and our Chancel Choir will join them in singing *And the Child Grew* and *Ave Maria*. We are thankful for this opportunity to worship together. To learn more about the DGMC go to www.daytongaymenschorus.org.

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Our Mission Statement:

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

- Dr. Rodney Wallace Kennedy, *Lead Pastor*
- Rev. Jason Alspaugh, *Associate Pastor Children & Youth*
- Rev. C. Roland Marcus, *Associate Pastor*
- Rev. James Earnest, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Rev. C. Donald Thrash, *Assistant Pastor of Visitation*
- Ray Landis, *Music Director*
- Gregory Land, *Organist*
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