

The First Baptist Church at Worship
1st Sunday After Christmas / Communion Sunday
New Year's Day

January 1, 2012 10:30 AM

The Gathering

THE PRELUDE Gregory Land, Organist

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

Theme and Variations on "Boar's Head Carol" Dale E. Ramsey
Three English Carols for the Organ Norberto Guinaldo
"Wexford" "Coventry" "Sussex"

In Praise to the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 148 selected* Rev. C. Roland Marcus

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #104 *Once in Royal David's City*
IRBY

Cecil Frances Alexander was born in Tyrone, Ireland and was always involved in the Sunday School movement writing many hymns and poems to teach sound spiritual truths to children. Our opening hymn came from a volume of "Hymns for Little Children" published in 1848.

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #126 v.4 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE Rev. C. Roland Marcus

(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.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Donna Curry

Isaiah 61:10-62:3: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD

will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Donna Curry

Galatians 4:4-7: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

VOCAL INTERLUDE Ray Landis

"His Name Is Called Emmanuel" #119

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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

Luke 2:22-40: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise

God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN #71 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

With the continual inventions in the realm of social media, many things compete for our visual attention. This traditional Irish hymn is a prayer to our Lord for help in focusing on the one true vision for our lives.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(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.)

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Ray Landis

Seek the Lord John Carter

THE SERMON Rev. C. Roland Marcus

"20/20 Foresight"
...and Simeon said: "Lord now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation." Luke 2:29-30

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY Greg Land

Greensleeves Richard Purvis

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706 *Praise God...*
OLD 100TH

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Donna Curry

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Celebrants: Rev. Jason Alspaugh and Rev. C. Roland Marcus)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Alspaugh

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Alspaugh

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us with boldness approach the throne of grace, that

we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move have our being, forgive us for rejecting each other when we disagree; for demonizing those who vote differently than we do; for making fun of the opinions of others; for coolness and hard heartedness toward those whose ways are not ours, and whose thoughts seem strange to us. When things go wrong or when institutions collapse, we are apt to seek culprits, blaming elected officials, or appointed leaders for all of the problems that assail. Too often denunciation of those in authority poses as problem-solving. It is difficult for us to see the error in our truth or to perceive some truth in what we regard as error in others. Forgive us for excusing in our selves qualities which we condemn when we discover them in others.

Teach us to name our own demons, to search for your truth rather than settling for slogans and glib pieties of the world around us. Awaken us as this year begins, to hear your voice above the clamor and tumult of the noisy world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Alspaugh

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)* Rev. Marcus

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Marcus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory! Glory be to you, O Lord most high!

We do not presume to come to this table in our own righteousness, but through the abundant mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But through that grace revealed in Jesus Christ, we receive with thanksgiving the forgiving grace made to us through your son. Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "This is the blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many. Each of you, drink of the cup."

Here we offer unto you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, praying that all who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with grace and heavenly benediction. Amen.

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE

(The congregation is invited to come forward to receive by intinction. Please take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. If you are unable to come forward, but wish to receive, please raise your hand and a Deacon will serve you.)

Pastorale in G A. Corelli
Nativity Concerto, Op. 6
Greg Land

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Marcus

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #566 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

This is perhaps Isaac Watt's most stirring hymn. It was played on the B.B.C. when England declared the beginning of World War II. This paraphrase of Psalm 90 reminds us of the steadfastness of our Lord who was always and always will be our Help.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Jim Earnest

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #394 v.3 *Jesus, Thou Joy...* QUEBEC

**O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world Thy holy light.**

*POSTLUDE Greg Land

In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bach



Happy New Year *and* *Welcome to All*

If you are visiting, **please register your attendance** on a yellow information card and fill in any needs or concerns you might have. Members are also asked to sign the information card. Prayer concerns or event registrations may be marked on these cards.

Childcare for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age is available during worship and church school and is located in the West hallway. For your peace of mind, our nursery is equipped with a call-system that allows nursery caregivers to page our ushers should there be a need to contact the parents of an infant or toddler. Preschoolers are welcome to attend Children's Sunday School during morning worship at "Second Hour" (see below).

All children are invited to come forward for the **Children's Message**. Following the message the children will be led downstairs for **Sunday School**. Young children (preK-K) will go to Room #4 and children (grades 1-4) will go to Room #3B. Parents should pick up their children after worship service. If you have questions or comments, please speak with Rev. Jason Alspaugh.

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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1st Sunday After Christmas



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*
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