

# The First Baptist Church at Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

10:30 AM

*“Most people, even though they don’t know it, are asleep. They’re born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, they breed children in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up. They never understand the loveliness and beauty of this thing we call human existence. You know, all mystics – Catholic, Christian, non-Christian, no matter what their theology, no matter what their religion – are unanimous on one thing: that all is well, all is well. Though everything is a mess, all is well. Strange paradox, to be sure. But, tragically most people never get to see that all is well because they are asleep. They are having a nightmare.” – Father Anthony de Mello*

## The Gathering

### THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist  
Debbie Lindley, Pianist

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

*Carols of the Advent Season* ..... Traditional  
Veni Emmanuel  
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Magnificat!

## In Praise to the Lord

### CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* ..... Genevan

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### \*OPENING HYMN

#733 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*  
MESSAGE

*As the season of advent begins with a voice in the wilderness telling us to prepare the way, this mission hymn written in 1896 reminds us that we are the voices in the present day wilderness with a very important story to tell.*

### \*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.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Holmen Family

Isaiah 60:2-3: **“For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God’s glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings and queens to the brightness of your dawn.”**

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

### ADVENT PRAYER

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*A Holy Hush, v. 1*  
J. MILDRED SCHELL & JAMES C. DILL

## Reading & Proclaiming God’s Word

### THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE

Anne Veghte

**Romans 13:11-14:** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* ..... Paul O. Manz

### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

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

**Matthew 24:36-44:** "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,

marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

### \*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

*As one of over sixty-five hundred hymns of Charles Wesley, this advent carol is an annual reminder of the constant experience of Christ being reborn in our lives. Christ is our strength and consolation, hope of all the earth and desire of every nation and the joy of our longing hearts.*

### 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.)

### CALL TO PRAYER

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*  
Mendelssohn (CCLI 1826847)

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

### THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Debts & Debtors)*

### THE SERMON

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

**“Waking Up!”**

## The Response of God’s People

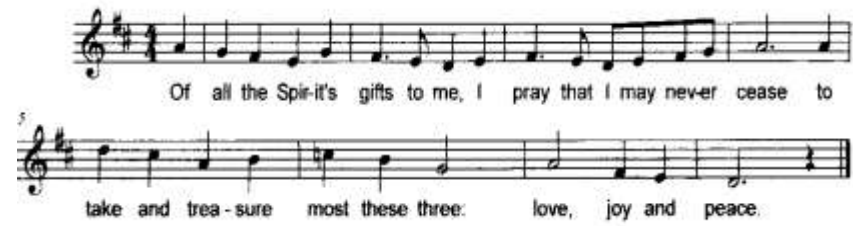
### THE OFFERTORY

Debbie Lindley

*In His Presence* ..... Tunney

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Anne Veghte

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on this gracious, open, and prayerful invitation. Make this be for us the opportunity to receive Christ, become his disciple, join his church, or even renew our faith.

*(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**

#677 *Soon and Very Soon*  
SOON AND VERY SOON

*This gospel hymn written in 1978 by Andre Crouch contains three exciting assurances for all Christians. First, we are going to see the King; second, there will be no more crying; and third, there will be no more dying. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!*

**\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Dr. Rodney Kennedy

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

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



**\*POSTLUDE**

Greg Land & Debbie Lindley

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ..... Hyfrydol  
"The promise which was made...God hath fulfilled." – Acts 13:32-33



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.

**Worship Notes**

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year. The Advent wreath on the Lord's Table marks the four Sundays of the season. The season of Advent looks to the two most significant moments in the Christian notion of history: the coming of Christ as one like us two thousand years ago, and his second coming at the end of time. Having spent the last year concentrating on the gospel of Luke, the readings now turn for the coming year to concentrate on the gospel of Matthew. The light from on high has shined in our faces. It is time to awaken from our sleep.

**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.



*The flowers this morning are given by Mark & Merriann Craig and family in celebration of Ruth Howell's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Marilyn Craig's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**Welcome to All**

- ✓ **Before Worship:** Children arriving with parents or grandparents at the 9:15 Sunday School hour may go downstairs to Room 3 for activities. A reminder to parents and grandparents: please pick up your children no later than 10:15 to give everyone enough time to prepare for worship.
- ✓ **Visiting the church today?** Here's an invitation! Please join the congregation for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the service. We hope you'll stop by the Visitor's Table, say hello, and meet a few members of First Baptist Church.
- ✓ 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 through two 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.
- ✓ 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.

**Prayers of the People**

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|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Rich Appelt          | Bill Harrell       | Paul Shroyer          |
| Julie Bellar         | Ruth Howell        | Dawn Smelser          |
| Charles Blake        | Delana Jackson     | Marion Stoner         |
| Estie Clark          | Joyce Johnson      | Ethleon Thomson       |
| Andy Collier         | Jennifer Loxley    | Nickie Van Hoose      |
| Jack Coggins         | Patty Loxley       | Evelyn Weaver         |
| Rector Davis         | Claude Malone      | Don Williams          |
| Florida Dixon        | Giovanna McQuillen | <b>Military Duty:</b> |
| Sarah Duvall         | Marilyn Sue Miller | Jeffrey Kennedy       |
| Bruce Dyer           | Robert Paloncy     | Derrick McClain       |
| Darris Forgy         | Phyllis Pfersich   | Bryan Venys           |
| Carrie Louese Ganger | Don Rosenbeck      | Chris West            |
| Jane Halliday        | Dawn Shirley       | Andy Wilson           |

**First Baptist Church of Dayton**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*



*"Bright Candle in the Darkness" by Markus Merz*

**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*
- R. Alan Kimbrough, *Organist*
- Debbie Lindley, *Pianist*
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