

The First Baptist Church at Worship
4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Pageant

December 23, 2018

10:00 AM

The Gathering

The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

He Is Born the Divine Christ Child French Carol
Coventry Carol English Carol
Appalachian Carol John Jacob Niles
"I Wonder as I Wander"
Christmas Fantasy Diane Bish

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY
TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Let the Mountains Shout for Joy
C. Albert Scholin

*Let the mountains shout for joy, let the valley sing, and the hills rejoice,
let them all break forth in to song, let them shout and sing,
and be glad before the Lord.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#104 *Once In Royal David's City*
IRBY

This popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ray & Janet Landis

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life. ~John 3:16*

We light this candle as a symbol of God's love revealed in Jesus the Christ. He is the light that shines in the darkness, the Word become flesh, full of grace and truth. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR LOVE

Gracious God, may your love be known to us this day, in this place, as we celebrate the gift of your dear Son. As we join our song with those of the angels and Elizabeth and Mary and countless others, grant us the will and the courage to love one another as you have loved us. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #125 (v.1) *Angels We Have Heard On High* GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*WELCOME & PASSING 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 later in the service.)

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

(Please be seated.)



Children's Christmas Pageant

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

#107 v.1 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Birth of Jesus

(from Luke 2:1-7)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

#110 v.1 *Away in a Manger*

The Shepherds & the Angels

(from Luke 2:8-20)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

#143 v.1 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

The Visit of the Magi

(from Matthew 2:1-20)

(Angels will join the children on the chancel stairs and remain for the Children's Message.)

The Fellowship of the Church

*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#133 *On Christmas Night...*
SUSSEX CAROL

The Sussex Carol is a Christmas Carol popular in Britain, sometimes referred to by its first line "On Christmas night all Christians sing." Its words were first published by Luke Wadding, a 17th-century Irish bishop, in a work called "Small Garland of Pious and Godly Songs" 1684. It is unclear whether Wadding wrote the song or was recording an earlier composition.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(There is no Children's Sunday School today. Following the message, children will return to their families for the remainder of the service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#111 (v.3) *Away In a Manger*
CRADLE SONG

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah G. F. Handel

*And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall
see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"Sing, Mary!"

Luke 1:26-38 (39-56)

The Response of God's People

THE OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Foller arr. Alice Parker

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, Shepherd, and foller!
It'll lead to the place where the Saviour' born,
Leave yo' sheep and leave yo' lamb,
leave you' lives and leave you' rams.
If you take good heed to the angel's words,
you'll forget your flock, you'll forget you heard!*

*CHORAL OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

*All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given Thee.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Holmen

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Alspaugh

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or 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 transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #123 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* CHRISTMAS

The publication of this text in the late 17th century marked an important moment in the transition from the older practice of psalm singing to the newer style of hymn singing. This tune was not originally written for church use but was derived from an operatic aria.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT, SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL & COMMISSIONING OF EL SALVADOR MISSION PARTICIPANTS Rev. Coggins

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!

*POSTLUDE Gregory Land

Toccata on the Carols of the Angels setting by Diane Bish

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!



December ABC/USA Offering for RMMO

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank You" for the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please give generously this month!

The Mitten Tree

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of mittens, scarves and gloves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.

Boxed Giving Envelopes for 2019 are available in the narthex. Please contact Nancy Kerr if you'd like a box.



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CAST

Narrator
Rachel Powell

Joseph
Ella Mikesell

Mary
Marin See

Cow
Benjamin Ryan

Cat
Reagan Crowley

Donkey
Madeline Compton

Shepherds
Hannah Craig, Reagan Lloyd, Lucas Owens

Sheep
Benjamin Compton, Sydney Owens

Angels
Ethan Charron, Abby Cox, Logan Crowley, Abigail Owens, Chloe Ryan, Rayvain Selvin, Jackson Smith

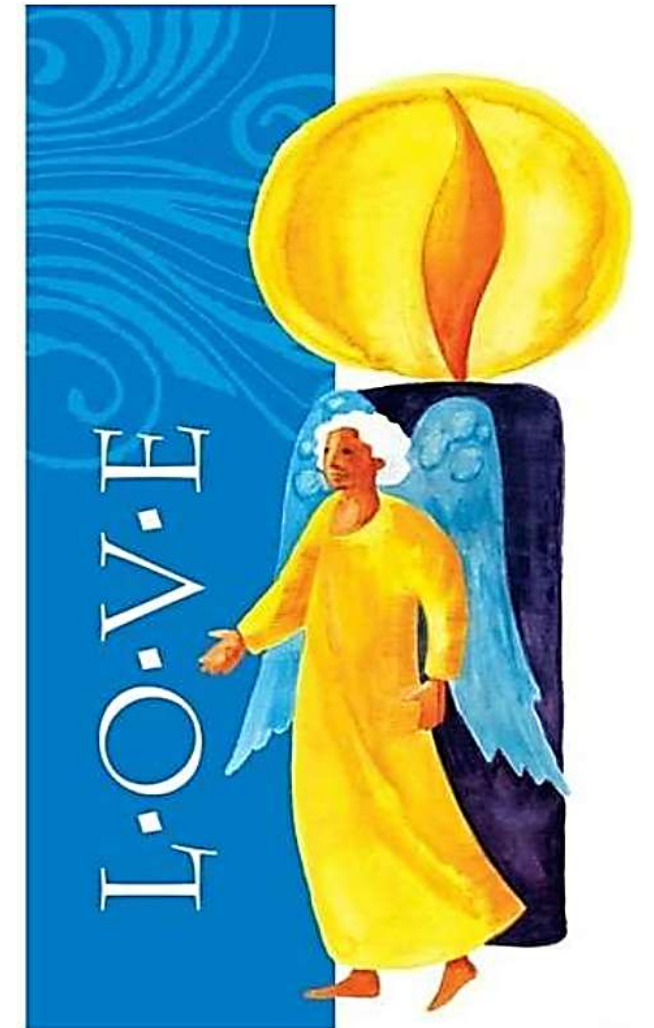
Star
Ava Powell

Magi
Elijah Cox, Aidan Owens, Meredith Ryan

King Herod
Jadon See



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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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