



First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E

December 10, 2023

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service Chad Hartsock

Introduction of Pastoral Candidate and Family Thomas Milligan

Prelude *Still, Still, Still* arr. Edwards

Call to Worship—Light of PEACE Reading Clark Measels and Pam Hester
Advent Wreath Lighting— Cameron, Merci, and Lincoln Rowlett Family

Hymn of Peace *The First Noel and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Hayes
Worship Ensemble and Congregation

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.

With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Lamb of God and Child of Peace, born that war and strife may cease.

Born our Brother to become, born that we might live as one.

Born that we may one day see peace on earth and harmony.

Born to us, with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Sing gloria, sing gloria to the newborn King!

Prayer of the People Bethany Davenport

Prayer Response 81 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (verse 1 only) PICARDY

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:5-7 Kaylin Hartsock

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Hymn of Advent 85	<i>Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming</i>	PLEADING SAVIOR
Offertory Prayer		Carolyn Blevins
Offertory	<i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i> Melanie Simpson, piano	arr. Forrest
Sermon Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-8	Major Treadway

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight,’ ”

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn of Advent 84	<i>The People Who in Darkness Walked</i>	BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
Sermon	<i>The Advent of Peace</i>	Major Treadway
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Come to My Heart</i> (sing to tune 165)	Baxley/Elliott

Lord you left your throne and your kingly crown
when you came to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem was there found no room—
for your holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for you.
Make a home in my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for you.

Preparing to Depart

I Wonder As I Wander

arr. Schrader

Julia Bass, flute, and Angie France, organ
(Please remain seated and reflect on our worship together)

Departing

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Courtney/Hasseler

Worship Ensemble

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Benediction

Chad Hartsock

Called Business Meeting

The Pastor Search Committee moves that we elect Dr. Major Treadway as our Senior Pastor beginning in January, 2024.

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

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Deacons and Minister of the Week:

Ken Morton & Ann Porter / Nenetta Measels

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LUKE 14:12-14

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Our offering goal through
the end of December 2023:
\$5,000

Our offering goal through December is \$5,000. \$3,785 has been given thus far.

THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Monday, December 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies' Bible Study/ Zoom

Tuesday, December 5

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, December 6

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper/FH
6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, December 7

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson City
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 8—Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 10—Pastoral Candidate

Preaching

9:30am Bible Study Classes/Rooms: 102, 104, 108, 212
10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary
10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and YouTube
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, December 11

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies' Bible Study/ Zoom

Tuesday, December 12

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, December 13

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper/FH
6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste
7:15pm Budget & Finance Committee Meeting/Parlor

Thursday, December 14

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson City
2:00pm Senior Fellowship Team Meeting/301
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 15—Church Office Closed

Welcome to First Baptist Church! Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, "Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ".

CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant
Angie France, Organist
Rev. Josh Gibson, Administrative Coordinator
Dr. Chad Hartsock, Interim Minister for Students
Steven Lloyd, Custodian

Rev. Nenet Measels, Interim Minister of Music
Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor
Gage Rustin, Youth Intern
Melanie Simpson, Pianist
Dr. Mike Wilkins, Interim Pastor

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