

Third Sunday of Advent Worship – December 15th, 2019

Gathering

Prelude Nick Carlson
Welcome and Invitation to Participate Pastor Mark Rambo

*Shared Greetings

Lighting the Advent Candles — Light of Light

Light of Light—Choir Choral Response—congregation (insert)

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.

People: Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.

Leader: Advent is a tie to celebrate the joy of relationships.

People: Lord of light, we thank you for our friends and family.

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.

People: People: Lord of light, we thank you for providing for our needs.

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.

People: People: Lord of light, we thank you for sending a Savior.

Lighting the candles of Hope and Peace and Joy

Leader: Today we light three candles—the candles of hope and peace and the candle of joy. This third candle reminds us that because of what God has done in the gift of Jesus, we have reason for a joy that carries us through both sunshine and shadow.

Home

Choir Christmas Musical *Joy Has Dawned* Lloyd Larson
The Written Word Matthew 11:2–11 pg 943 in pew Bibles
The Spoken Word Coming Home Pastor Dave Roberts

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia* insert

Prayers of the People

Gifts of the People

Offertory Nick Carlson

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Hymn of Transition *This Is the Day* #84

*Benediction/Sending forth: Walk Humbly — Love Completely — Live Differently

*Postlude Nick Carlson

* = please stand if you can do so comfort

First Baptist Church News & Events

Today:

10:00 a.m. Worship & Choir Cantata
4:00 p.m. Table Grace - Feeding Ministry

This Week:

Dec. 17th 5:45 pm Christmas Caroling (meet at the Church)

Dec. 19th 7:00 pm Choir

Deadline for Jail Ministry Socks & Cookie donations

Dec. 21st 8:00 am Men's Breakfast in the Fireside Room

10:00 am God's Little Blessings in the Library

1:00 pm Dave Silke Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm Emmaus



The Advent wreath is given by Madge Ellis in loving memory of her husband, Bert. Bert was the "Chief Decorator" of the church at Christmas for many years. The Advent wreath is a fitting remembrance of his creative abilities.

Today's' Choir Cantata is "Joy Has Dawned" - a Christmas Celebration of Joy! The Psalmist said "weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning". It is in those moments that we are reminded that true joy – deep joy – is not founded in the moments of life but on the Creator of life.

Rev. Doug Avilesbernal, Executive Minister of the Evergreen Association will be with us next Sunday, Dec. 22nd. During the 8:30 a.m. hour he will be leading a Bible study in the Fireside Room based on the book of Acts around the theme of "Including those whom God has given us." His sermon title for worship is "Moving to a new home without going anywhere" based on Romans 12:1–8.

Christmas Caroling - Come and make a JOYFUL NOISE! Meet at the church **at 5:45 pm** on Tuesday, **December 17th**. We will go caroling to a number of church members and return back to the church for hot chocolate. Bring a plate of goodies to share and a flashlight

The Mission Board will not be having a meeting in December.

Pastor Sam Hochstatter's Sunday school class will not meet on December 15th or 22nd. The class will resume again on the 29th.

Sock & Cookie Donations: The deadline is this week **December 19th**. We are so thankful for your donations to the Jail Ministry of white socks and packages of cookies. Please have the cookies in non-returnable containers. They should be cookies, not brownies or bars. It is better if they aren't too sticky or crumbly (so they don't fall apart or stick to the other cookies when they are packaged). Labels are available to tag each item as: "*For Thurston County Jail Ministry.*" Bins under the long table in the foyer for the items. Thank you for blessings those inmates who would not otherwise enjoy a special Christmas gift.

Christmas Eve Worship Service, Tuesday, **December 24th at 7:00 pm.** You are invited to a night filled with Song, Scripture, Activity & Light that will include Communion. This traditional but interactive worship will include familiar and new experiences centered on the gift, the Incarnate One, Jesus Christ. We hope you will invite family and neighbors to join us.

GIVING

	November	YTD
Income	\$18,519.00	\$277,570.00
Expenses	\$25,463.00	\$271,406.00

Childcare: Will be provided in the nursery by Pastor Mark Rambo ages 3 to 2nd grade.

Children's Activities and Bulletins: Are located in the back of the sanctuary with a clipboard and coloring materials.

Hearing Devices: Are available from the ushers – please ask for assistance.

We Are Scent Free: Some people are allergic or sensitive to different scents so please be considerate of our congregation members and plan accordingly.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dave Roberts, Interim Pastor | Rev. Mark Rambo, Associate Pastor

Rev. Caroline Lehman, Visitation Pastor | Nick Carlson, Organist

Darrell Born, Choir Director | Lela DePaolo, Secretary | Gary Rogers, Caretaker

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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