

***Hymn of Christmastide 102**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come ANTIOCH
Rachel Bass, director

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:10-18 (CEB) Ken Morton

It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he’s leading to glory. This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. That is why Jesus isn’t ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says,

I will publicly announce your name to my brothers and sisters.

I will praise you in the middle of the assembly.

He also says,

I will rely on him.

And also,

Here I am with the children whom God has given to me.

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he also shared the same things in the same way. He did this to destroy the one who holds the power over death—the devil—by dying. He set free those who were held in slavery their entire lives by their fear of death. Of course, he isn’t trying to help angels, but rather he’s helping Abraham’s descendants. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every way. This was so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in things relating to God, in order to wipe away the sins of the people. He’s able to help those who are being tempted, since he himself experienced suffering when he was tempted.

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

Pastoral Prayer Major Treadway

Prayer Response 107

O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

Offertory Prayer Ricke Hester

Offertory
Child in a Manger arr. Berry

***Response of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Kemper/OLD 100TH

Praise God whose light upon us shines,
Praise Word made flesh by love’s design.
Praise Spirit who reveals the way
to wise ones seeking to this day. Amen.***

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 Patty Morton

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Hymn of Christmastide 112
Child in the Manger BUNESSAN

Musical Offering
The Work of Christmas arr. Forrest
Rachel Bass, soprano; Angie France, piano

Sermon *Sensing Advent: Touching Jesus* Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response
Bethlehem arr. Johnson

***Hymn of Calling and Departing 143**
Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

***Benediction** Major Treadway

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



The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, December 28

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, December 29

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, December 30

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, December 31

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

Thursday, January 1 - Church Office Closed

Happy New Year

Friday, January 2 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, January 4, 2025:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christmastide—First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Major Treadway

Prelude

Nativity Medley

arr. Purifoy

Call to Worship

Rachel Bass and People

God's Revelation:

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon His shoulders;
**and He is named Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Joy to the World! The Lord is come!**

Our Response:

When the world is looking for answers. . .

Who would send a baby?

When the world is yearning for peace. . .

Who would send a baby?

When the world is hungry for hope. . .

Who would send a baby?

When the world is waiting for the Promised One. . .

Who would send a baby?

Who would send His only begotten Son?

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!**

Let us worship the Lord together.