

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent—Hope

December 2, 2018

May he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

—I Thessalonians 3.13

GATHERING AT GOD'S INVITATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Gregory M. Pysk

Puer Nobis
Adult Handbells

ADVENT WREATH

Amelia and Adam Barnes

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:

"The LORD is our righteousness."

—Jeremiah 33.14-16

†HYMN 135

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Baker Lawrimore, ministry fellow organ

†WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP

Rev. Darnysa Nard

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Steve Sumerel

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Courtney Willis

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OPENING OF GOD'S WORD

Mason Duggins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Nard

Luke 21.25-36

SERMON

Rev. Sherouse

Hopes and Fears

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 271

CWM RHONDDA

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Sherouse

SINGING

PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Willis
Dave Worsley *deacon chair*

SINGING

PICARDY

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

We'll share communion by **intinction** today.

Please wear the **nametag** included in the Worship Guide so that we can call one another by name.

Deacons will stand at the front of each of the six sections of pews. Simply move from your left, row by row, and return to your right.

Grapes are available to children in anticipation of their future profession of faith. Those who need to remain seated due to physical limitations will be served at their place in the pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Katherine Jordahl Larsen

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Adult Handbells

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

MISSIONS MOMENT

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions

OFFERTORY PRAYER

David Angel *deacon*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Cathy Moglebust

Gloria Fanfare

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Sherouse

ORGAN DISMISSAL

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Tony Sanders *music intern*

CONNECTIONS



YOUNG ADULT ENSEMBLE | Wednesdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 12 at 6:15 pm

This three-week choir is for those in their 20s-40s to rehearse and sing in worship on Sunday, December 16. All young adults are invited to join!

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON | MIDWEEK @FBC

The songs of Advent & Christmas resonate in all of our hearts and guide us to experience our faith anew each year. On Wednesday nights we will all gather to share and learn more about some of the most beloved songs of the season.

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK @FBC: This is our Wednesday night programming with music, classes, and dinner. **Don't forget to cancel your food reservation** if you won't be present; email chef Marty at marty@fbcgso.org to do so. Dinner this week (12/5): Pecan Encrusted Tilapia.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: A DAILY GUIDE THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON |

As we celebrate the Advent season, our deacons and staff have written a series of daily devotions to help guide us as we wait patiently for Christmas. Enjoy time set aside each day to pause and open your heart to remembering the incredible gift we were all given in Jesus Christ.

HOLIDAY HONOR CARDS | Purchase Honor Cards this year for a loved one in support of FBC Missions Partners. The Missions Committee will have cards available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights and in the Atrium on Sunday mornings.

VIA SOUP LUNCH | Sunday, December 9 following Worship

Enjoy homemade soups prepared by our Preschool Board members and church volunteers! All proceeds and donations help provide tuition scholarships as well as provide funding for special events, materials, and equipment for the Preschool.

CAROLING | Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm

Share Christmas joy with our homebound members through beloved songs of the season. Carolers will gather at 3 pm in the Atrium to depart in groups to visit the homebound. For more information about caroling, contact Steve Sumerel - steves@fbcgso.org | x233.

SPONTANEOUS NATIVITY | Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm

Join us as our children bring the nativity to life! The evening will begin with breakfast for dinner (and Christina will decorate waffles for the kids!). At 6:15 pm, parents will help children with costumes, and the nativity will begin at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Sign up at <http://fbcgso.org/spontaneous-nativity-2018/>

WHITE FLAG DRIVERS NEEDED | Be a stand-by driver for the emergency White Flag warming centers created to provide shelter for the homeless on extremely cold nights. You are notified earlier in the day if you are needed to drive. Sign up at bit.ly/FBCGSO-white-flag