

A Word of Welcome

Welcome to worship at First Baptist. We are so glad that you have joined us today. From the heart of downtown Knoxville, we are touching lives around the world, sharing the ministry and life of Jesus Christ. If you need further information about our church, or desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our ministers will be available following the service at each exit.

Please prepare for worship by:

- Silencing cell phones.
- Noting that restrooms are located directly behind the choir loft.

Becoming a Member

You are welcome and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister during the Hymn of Response to request baptism or to join the church. If you are not ready to do this, please complete the information in the tear-off portion of this worship folder and place it in the offering plate and a minister will contact you this week. Or, you may simply call the church office to request an appointment with any minister.

Continue the Experience

Check your local television provider's guide for information about the rebroadcast of today's worship service. The worship service is available on DVD and can be obtained by calling the church office. The message for today's worship service will also be available later this week online at www.fbcknox.org.

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Life of the Church

Church Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, December 28, 9:45 am

You are invited to join us the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's for a church-wide fellowship during our traditional Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to bring a breakfast dish to share as our pastor shares word of hope and encouragement for us to begin the New Year together. We will have both 8:45 and 11:00 am services however, there is no Passage at 11:00 am.

A Word on Year End Giving

We are approaching the time of year when generosity takes center stage in our nation. Over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons, people will look for ways to express their gratitude with generous giving. Your prayerful giving through our church by year-end will cover the costs of ministry that have resulted in deeper faith, significant ministry and changed lives. The church office will receive your generous gifts through December 31st in order to count toward your 2014 charitable giving tax deduction. The church office will be open for the final three (3) days of the year until 5:00 pm. If you would like to drop your gifts and offerings off personally, we will have coffee, cider and sweet treats available in the Conference Room. I am grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family.

Save the Date -- Ellie Holcomb

Sunday January 11, 6:00 pm, Tickets \$5.00

Make plans to be back at church on Sunday, January 11 at 6 PM! Singer/songwriter Ellie Holcomb will be our January concert series guest that evening for a special night of music. Tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go to benefit two of our ministry partners: Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC). You won't want to miss it!

MERGE - Youth Disciple Now.

January 16-18, 2015

During MERGE each year, youth ministries from across the city come together to worship, serve, and grow as disciples of Jesus over an fun-filled weekend! Our Youth Ministry @ 1B students stay in host homes provided by First Baptist members, where they participate in small group Bible studies led by college students. MERGE is \$40 per student. Forms are available in the youth suite or at fbcknox.org/youth/events/. All money and forms are due January 11. If you're interested in hosting students in your home for this important weekend contact Ben Winder bwinder@fbcknox.org.

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2014 • 5 PM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

“Lessons, Carols and Candlelight”

Pre-Service Musical Gift

Mamie Sullivan, Jaynie Moore, Tyler Johnson, Debby Daniel

*Responsive Call to Worship

Wendell Boertje

Leader: All God’s people—boys and girls, women, men:

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Angels, shepherds, sages and saints:

People: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Processional Carol 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

Words of Welcome and Christmas Greetings

Tom Ogburn

Lighting the Advent Wreath (Christ Candle)

Evans Family

First Lesson: Promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18)

Joy Claybrook

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

*Carol 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
HYFRYDOL

Carol 102

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

Christmas Eve Homily

Tom Ogburn

Service of Candlelight and Singing

*Candlelight Carol

Silent Night
STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright; Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight. Glory streams from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light; Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Benediction

Tom Ogburn

Organ Dismissal

Mamie Sullivan

Joy to the World with Hallelujah Chorus
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

* All who are able may stand

Please deposit candles in the boxes located at the exits.

² After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Anthem

O Holy Night
arr. Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

Eighth Lesson: The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-14)

Tom Ogburn

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

Anthem

Silent Night
(Close Your Eyes and Sleep)
Heather Sorenson

Sanctuary Choir

Third Lesson: The Peaceful Kingdom (Isaiah 11:1-9)

Scott Claybrook

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child will
put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the
knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to
him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Solo

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Traditional Spiritual

Frederick Wagoner

Fourth Lesson: The Magnificat (Luke 1:26-38)

Pam Neal

²⁶ In the sixth month (of Elizabeth's pregnancy), God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a
town in Galilee,²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of
David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who
are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might
be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with
God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be
great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his
father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever;
his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will
overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth
your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to
conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."
Then the angel left her.

*Carol 114

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Fifth Lesson: The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7)

Susan Tatum

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman
world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of
David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who
was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came
for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and
placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn..

Carol 110

Away in a Manger
MUELLER

Children's Message

Sixth Lesson: Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:8-20)

Dave Ward

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be
for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord. ¹²
This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go
to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,
¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all
these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*Carol 125

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA