

FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE



11 AM SERVICE
DECEMBER 5, 2021

Darkness Into Light

With composer Mary McDonald

Piano Prelude | Brandon Coffey

O Holy Night | arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome and Invocation | Brent McDougal

Come to the Light | Patti Foster, soloist

Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.

"Glory to God in the highest." Praises to Him we bring.

Follow the light of our Savior. Come to the light, our King.

God of glory, Lord of light, sing to Him this Holy night.

Come, behold this wondrous sight: Jesus Christ is born!

Jesus Christ is born!

Come to the light of our Savior. Come to the Child, a King.

Come to the light of Jesus.

Come to the light. Come to the light.

Come to the light, our King. Come to the light, our King!

Come, All Ye Faithful | with Congregation

Come, all ye faithful. Come into the light

And see this Child who is born tonight.

"Glory to God," the angels sing.

Come, worship Christ, the King!

Come, adore Him. Lift ev'ry voice and sing,

"Gloria, gloria," to our Savior and King!

Come, all ye faithful. Come into the light

And see this Child who is born tonight.

"Glory to God," the angels sing.

Come, worship Christ, the King!

Gloria, sing, "Gloria in excelsis Deo."

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Come! Come! O come!

Congregation: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

**Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation.
O sing, all ye bright host of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

Choir: Come, all ye faithful. Come into the light
And see this Child who is born tonight.
"Glory to God," the angels sing.
Come, worship Christ, the King!
Worship Christ, the King! The King!

Hear the Angels Sing

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing!

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hov'ring wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing!

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
With the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing!

Hear the angels singing! Hear now the angels sing!
Hear the blessed angels sing. The world in solemn stillness lay.
Hear the angels sing!

Sing We All Noel! | Blaise Wolf, soloist

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing!
Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!

See now the shining star
That will lead us to One so far.
To the earth, it gave great light.
Let's go to see it this holy night!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!

See now this wondrous sight.
See the Christ Child that's born tonight.
From the darkness, He gave great light.
Let's go to see Him this holy night!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing!
Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Sing we Noel!
Sing we Noel! Sing we all Noel!

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing!
Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Sing we Noel!
Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!

Noel! Now we sing Noel! We sing
Noel! Now we sing, sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel! Now sing we all Noel!
Sing we all Noel! Sing we all Noel!
Noel! Sing Noel! Sing we all Noel!

Candlelight Christmas Canon

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,
Darkness flies, all is light.
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent, silent night, holy, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright!

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, silent night, holy, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.

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, our Savior!
Christ the Savior is born!

Rise Up, Children, Arise! | Richard Buerkle, soloist

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up, children, and follow!
Rise up! Rise up! Rise up! Children, arise!

There's a Baby born in Bethlehem,
And a star will lead us straight to Him.
Take each other by the hand.
Go and tell the news to ev'ry land!

Go and tell that He is born!
Tell the news this joyful morn!
Take each other by the hand.
Go and tell the news to ev'ry land!
Take each other by the hand.
Go and tell the news to ev'ry land!

Rise up, children, arise!
Rise up! Follow! Rise up, children, and follow!
Follow the star now to Bethlehem!
Rise up, children, arise!

Go, tell it on the mountain;
Over the hills and ev'rywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Children, go, tell it on the mountain;
Over the hills and ev'rywhere!
Children, go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!
Rise, children, arise! Arise!

Darkness into Light

Out of the night, there came a Son;
A Holy Child, the Holy One.
He came as hope, peace, joy and love.
He brought the Light of God from heav'n above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel;
The Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God sent His only Son that Christmas night,
And turned our darkness into light!

O come to us. Abide, abide with us;
God with us, Emmanuel.
With heart and voice, we will rejoice!
You are the Light of God sent from above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel;
The Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God send His only Son that Christmas night;
And turned our darkness into light!
He turned our darkness into light!

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Be The Light

Today's Message: The Light in the Darkness (John 1:1-5)

Come to the Light (Reprise)

Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.
Glory to God in the Highest; Glory to God, our King.
Come to the light of Jesus.
Come to the light. Come to the light.
Come to the light, our King.

Hallelujah! Lord of Light!

**Congregation: Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of Light!
Lord of giving and forgiving, bless us on this holy night.
Christ, our Savior, bless'd Redeemer, joy from heav'n to earth come down.
Praises sing to God, our Father, for this One who wears a crown.**

**Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Giver of eternal Light!
Glory to the Son of Mary, born to us this holy night.
Sing to God our songs of praises. Hallelujah! Let us sing!
Raise to God our joyful chorus, "Glory to the Newborn King!"**

Choir: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Spoken Benediction | Brent McDougal

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

The First Noel | Mary McDonald

VIOLINS

Edward Pulgar

Mary Pulgar

VIOLA

Eunsoon Lee-Corliss

CELLO

Andy Bryenton

BASS

Steve Benne

FLUTE

Devan Jaquez

OBOE

Claire Chenette

CLARINET

Gary Sperl

BASSOON

Justin Cummings

HORN

Travis Bennett

PERCUSSION

Mike Combs

Jonathan Leichman

PIANO

Brandon Coffey

STRING/SYNTH

Rhonda Carpenter

NARRATORS

Wade and Brannon Hulsey

SERMONNOTES

"THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

JOHN 1:1-5

We live in a world that is full of darkness. Just look around and pick any area of society: the breakdown in family relationships, conflict in politics, inequities in healthcare and education, and so on. We can't agree on how to stop school shootings. Into such a world, we are asking, "Is there any light in the darkness?"

What people really want to know is, "Is there any light for *my* darkness? Is there any light that can shine on my past, present, and future so that I can live with peace?"

Jesus was God's answer to this question. Jesus is the "true light" that has come into the world.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

*"...forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."
(Luke 1:76-79, NIV)*

All of this has powerful implications for you. It means that you can have...

Peace _____ your past

We can't change the past, but God can redeem our past and use it for God's glory.

"Then I will restore to you the years that the locust swarm devoured, as did the young locust, the other locusts, and the ravaging locust, that great army of mine that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, and will be fully satisfied. You will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has performed wonders specifically for you. And my people will never be ashamed." (Joel 2:25-26, ISV)

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV)

SERMONNOTES

Peace _____ your present

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27, NIV)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV)

Peace for your _____

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” (Isaiah 43:2, NIV)

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” (Isaiah 26:3, NIV)

“The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1, NIV)

How is God speaking to you today? What is your response?

SPOTLIGHT ON

GOLDEN NOTES MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS FUN AT FIRST BAPTIST

The First Baptist Knoxville Senior Adult "Golden Notes" Choir loves to sing and have fun! This year, the Golden Notes Christmas Musical is entitled "JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration." It's great music, accompanied by many of our FBC musicians and band members. The Golden Notes have invited Chuck Powell and some of our youth to help lead in worship that evening, our Children's Choir to sing, as well as Brandon and Rhonda to play some fun piano and organ Christmas duets!

Following the musical, everyone is invited to Trentham Hall for some family fun with more Christmas music from children, youth, adults, and seniors, plus some great Christmas activities like cookie decorating and crafts. Of course, we will have cookies, cider, hot chocolate, and Christmas treat bags for everyone! Bring your family and stop to take a family pic at our Christmas backdrop.

Come have some fun with your First Baptist Knoxville family and the Golden Notes Choir on Sunday, December 19, at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

Plan to make this evening a special night for your family and friends!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for South Knoxville Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up South Knoxville Baptist Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they rely on God's omnipotent strength, resources, and love to reconnect with those who live in the South Knoxville area.



COMMUNITY

Ordination of Josh Gibson

Today, December 5, 4 pm | Sanctuary

We celebrate Josh Gibson's call to the gospel ministry and have the opportunity to bless and encourage him with a special service of ordination. All are welcome and invited afterwards to a brief fellowship in the 230 Centre.



DISCIPLESHIP

Christmas Shop Reminders for Volunteers

December 5, 6, & 7 | Trentham Hall

If you are new to the Christmas Shop this year, please meet Susan in Trentham Hall immediately after the 11 am service today, December 5, for a brief orientation. If you can stay after that and help with set up, your help would be greatly appreciated!

If you are working on Monday evening, you will need to report to Trentham Hall at 4 pm. If you are working on Tuesday, you will need to report to Trentham Hall by 7 am.

A huge thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help this year!



MISSION

The WordPlayers Theatre:

In These Dark Streets

Wednesday, December 8, 6 pm | Trentham Hall

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" It's a question asked by some who wanted to worship Christ and by some who wanted to avoid His reign. This Advent, join us for "In These Dark Streets," from The WordPlayers' Theatre, which helps us consider that question and the reason why each of us asks it. The 30 minute program will be in place of our regular Bible study, and donations will be accepted at the show.



WORSHIP

Care Center Informational Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 5:00 pm | Trentham Hall

First Baptist is launching a brand new outreach ministry in the Spring of 2022 that will provide essential resources such as showers and food to those experiencing homelessness downtown. Volunteers will be responsible for giving out food, helping to facilitate showers, and, most importantly, building relationships with ministry guests. This ministry will operate from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm one night each week. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please meet in Trentham Hall at 5 pm for a brief meeting. For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Golden Notes & Christmas Fun at First Baptist

Sunday, December 19, 5 pm | Sanctuary

Come celebrate with the Golden Notes Choir as they present JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration by Joel Raney. Following the musical, everyone is welcome in Trentham Hall for family fun with refreshments and more Christmas music from children, youth, adults, and seniors. There will also be opportunities to make a Christmas craft, decorate cookies, and take family photos on our Christmas backdrop. Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas Fun at First Baptist.



WORSHIP

Coffee & Conversation Downtown Outreach

Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Dwell Suite

Do you like coffee (or tea)? Do you want to extend hospitality to our downtown neighbors and guests, building relationships and helping us demonstrate care? First Baptist will be offering coffee, tea, and specialty drinks free or for a donation each Thursday starting December 2. No experience making coffee necessary, but training is essential. Contact Pastor Brent with questions at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Season of Prayer & Offerings for International Missions

Thank you for supporting International Missions with your prayers and offerings. God created us to work together, to help each other, and to be there for each other. In these ever-changing and uncertain times, the presence of missionaries and field personnel ministering around the world has never been more important. Your support of International Missions is vital in sharing the scriptures about the Messiah and bringing Good News in word and deed to the people most marginalized by the world. Last year, FBC contributed \$18,705.16, and this year's goal is \$23,000. Please use the respective offering envelopes for your gifts, and WMU encourages you to prayerfully support missions throughout the year! <https://wmu.com/thismonth>



MISSION

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith (alphausa.org)

*Sundays, 4 pm | Starts January 8, runs for 12 weeks |
Cansler YMCA Community Room*

Alpha is a series of video sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as “Who is God?” and “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” Alpha is a global movement that can look and feel different across cultures, but each gathering has the same three ingredients: food, a good talk, and conversation. All are welcome.

Register by visiting fbcknox.org/alpha. If you have a heart for reaching others in our community with the message of the gospel, then consider helping to run the Alpha course with Pastor Brent McDougal. Email bmc dougal@fbcknox.org to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.

	Oct '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$155,947	\$652,751	Worship Total 307
Expenses	<u>\$140,240</u>	<u>\$594,566</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$15,706	\$58,186	

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Coming Up This Week

Today, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Josh Gibson Ordination

Monday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

The Christmas Shop

Tuesday, 8 am, Trentham Hall

The Christmas Shop

Wednesday, 4 pm, 302

WOM on Tuesday (Date Change)

Wednesday, 5 pm, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

WordPlayers Theatre,

Children & Youth Activities

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 10:30 am, 302

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

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