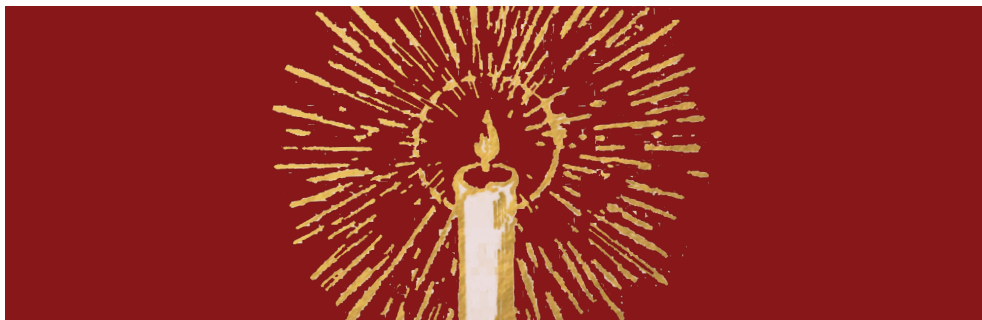


# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11 AM Service | December 19, 2021



## **Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter**

*Good Christians All, Rejoice* | Mary McDonald

## **Choral Call to Worship | Golden Notes Choir**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* | Joel Raney

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.  
Christ, the Lord.

## **Welcome | Tim Boone**

## **Love Candle Lighting | Ross & LaVeta Wylie with Golden Notes Choir & Congregation**

*Light of Light* | Joel Raney

Choir: Light of Light, we humbly pray; shine in our hearts today.  
Dispel the gloom and dark of night; fill all the world with love and light.  
Voices cry out from a world in grief; prayers of those who seek relief.  
End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, good will for all.

Leader: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

**Congregation: God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.**

Leader: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

**Congregation: God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.**

Leader: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

**Congregation: God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.**

Leader: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

**Congregation: God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.**

*Candle Lighting*

*As the congregation sings "Voices cry out...", all children are invited to come to the front and join Ms. Susan for the Children's Sermon.*

**ALL: Voices cry out from a world in grief; prayers of those who seek relief.**

**End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, good will for all.**

Choir: Peace on earth, good will for all.

## **Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum**

### **Scripture Reading (Luke 1:46-55) | Pam Neal**

<sup>46</sup> "My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful

<sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Congregational Hymn 148

*What Child Is This* | GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spears, shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

## Pastoral Prayer | Susan Tatum

### Choral Anthem | Golden Notes Choir

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child* | Joel Raney

Jesus, Jesus, O, what a wonderful Child.  
Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy he brings,  
Won't you listen to the angels sing,  
"Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King!

He was herald by the angles;  
Born in a lowly manger.  
The virgin Mary was his mother  
And Joseph was his earthly father.  
Three wise men came from afar;  
They were guided by a shining star  
To see King Jesus where he lay  
In a manger filled with hay.

Jesus, my Jesus, O Lord, what a wonderful Child.  
O, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy he brings,  
Won't you listen to the angels sing;  
They're singing, "Glory, glory, glory: to the newborn King.

See the little baby lying in a manger.  
Amen, amen, amen.  
What did they call him? They called him King Jesus.  
Amen, amen, amen.

Jesus, O Jesus, my Lord! what a wonderful Child.  
Jesus, holy Jesus, the babe so lowly, meek and mild.  
New life, new hope, new joy he brings,  
Won't you listen to the angels sing,  
"Glory, glory, glory" to the newborn King!  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Glory to the newborn King, the newborn King!  
Jesus, what a wonderful Child!

## **Sermon | Brent McDougal**

**Sermon Series: Be The Light**

**Today's Message: Let's Magnify God's Love | Luke 1:46-55**

## **Hymn of Invitation 156**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* | SHINE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory:  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

## **Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Chuck Powell**

### **Spoken Benediction | Chuck Powell**

### **Choral Benediction | Golden Notes Choir**

*Sing Joy! (Reprise) | Joel Raney*

Sing joy! Sing "joy to the world"  
'Cause Mary had a baby, O, my Lord!  
Rejoice with the angels in heaven!  
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King! Sing joy!

Sing joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat,  
Repeat the sounding, repeat the sounding joy.

Sing joy to the world, sing joy to the tiny little baby,  
Sing joy to the world, sing joy to the newborn King!  
Sing joy! Sing joy! Sing joy!

### **Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter**

*Postlude on a Ukrainian Carol | Alfred V. Feudal*

# SERMONNOTES

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## "LET'S MAGNIFY GOD'S LOVE"

LUKE 1:46-55

Our theme for Advent has been Be the Light. It's a call to reflect God's love in a dark world. But often we let the opinions of others or the difficulties of life keep us from responding to God's light. Nobody sees the light through us because it's not shining brightly within.

*"David retorted to Michal, 'I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I celebrate before the LORD. Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!'"*  
(2 Samuel 6:21-22a, NLT)

In the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth, we see three responses to God's love and goodness: Elizabeth shouted a blessing, John leaped in the womb, and Mary sang a song about God's faithfulness.

What would it take to convince you to praise God today, not waiting for your circumstances to improve or for everyone to approve?

Don't let a pandemic, person, or \_\_\_\_\_ keep you  
from \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*  
(Revelation 4:11, ESV)

*"With shouts of joy I will offer sacrifices in his Temple; I will sing, I will praise the LORD."* (Psalm 27:6, GNT)

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."* (Psalm 95:1-2, NIV)

# SERMONNOTES

Don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ we're in keep you from  
magnifying God's love.

*"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!"*  
(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

How is God speaking to you today? What is your response - your action plan?

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# SPOTLIGHTON

## CARE FIRST MINISTRY COMING SPRING 2022!

**W**e are fortunate to live in a city that is equipped to serve those experiencing homelessness in many different ways. Unfortunately, even with organizations like KARM, VMC, and Salvation Army, there are still people who go without showers, shelter, and food on a daily basis. The local church has an opportunity to stand in the gap for those who are struggling to survive.

As First Baptist seeks to walk faithfully during this difficult season, it is important that we ask ourselves, "How is God calling us to care for our neighbors in need?" Over the past few months, a group has been dedicated to answering that question for our Missions Ministry. The work of this Ministry Action Team has led to the creation of the Care First Ministry. The mission of this ministry is to provide a safe and Christ-like environment for community members in need to access essential resources and to develop transformative relationships.

### **What is the Care First Ministry?**

This ministry will offer showers and food to our neighbors in need one evening each week from 5-7 pm. A trailer with four showers will park in our lower lot, and hot food will be served to anyone who has a need. In the spring, volunteers will help facilitate showers, serve food, and most importantly, build relationships with ministry guests.

If you have a heart for those experiencing homelessness in Knoxville, please pray about serving as a Care First volunteer. You do not need experience working in a related ministry, only a desire to show unconditional hospitality to our neighbors.

God is calling us to step out in faith during this time of severe lack and desperation. Will you be a part of the new thing God is doing at First Baptist?

Contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org) if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. – Hebrews 13:2*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Pray for Calvary Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Calvary Baptist Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they extend their mission beyond their walls and share the love of Jesus in the local and global community.



COMMUNITY

## Golden Notes & Christmas Fun at First Baptist

*Tonight, December 19, 5 pm | Sanctuary*

Come celebrate with the Golden Notes Choir as they present "JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration" by Joel Raney along with some special music. 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 picture at our Christmas backdrop. Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas Fun at First Baptist.



WORSHIP

## Christmas Eve

*Friday, December 24, 5 pm | Sanctuary*

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! The Christmas hymns and traditional candlelight guide us into a celebration of the coming of the Christ child. Doors will open for this service at 4:15 pm. The sanctuary normally fills up fast, so arrive early for good parking and good seats! Please wear your masks and social distance in the hallways. Once you reach your seat, masks are recommended but not required.



WORSHIP

**Childcare:** We will offer very limited childcare for children ages 2 and under. If you would like to use this service, you MUST RSVP to Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) by Tuesday, December 21.

## Adjusted Christmas Schedule

*Sunday, December 26, 11 am | Sanctuary*

The day after Christmas, we will have a shortened Sunday morning schedule. Please join us for our Christmas Celebration Service at 11 am. Invite your friends and families, and wear your Christmas sweaters! Everyone is welcome! There will be no First Community, Sunday School, or Childcare offered that day.



WORSHIP

## End-of-Year Giving

*Through December 31*

The church offices are open to receive year-end gifts through December 31, at 5 pm. You may, however, continue to make contributions until midnight through our online giving portal: [give.fbcknox.org](https://give.fbcknox.org). Any gift given before this date will count toward your 2021 charitable giving tax deduction. We are grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family. Your giving makes a difference!



DISCIPLESHIP

## Discover First

*Sunday, January 9, 9:45 am | 230 Centre*

Something brand new is coming in January. For those who are thinking about becoming members of First Baptist or have joined recently, Discover First will be the place to be on January 9th at 9:45 am in 230 Centre. Perhaps you have been attending First Baptist for a while but just aren't sure what it means to join the church. The class will include information about First Baptist, the staff, a brief history, and include a booklet of information as well as a book on church membership. If you would like to know more about First Baptist and church membership, join us on January 9th for Discover First.



COMMUNITY

## Wednesday Activities and Bible Study

*Resumes Wednesday, January 12*

Wednesday night activities have concluded for this year. Adult Bible Study, Wednesday Night Supper, and Children and Youth activities will resume once again on January 12. See you next year!



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

*Sundays, 4 pm | Starts January 9, runs for 12 weeks | Cansler YMCA Community Room | [alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org)*

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](http://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 [bmcDoug@fbcknox.org](mailto:bmcDoug@fbcknox.org) to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

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

	Nov '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$145,167	\$798,053	Worship Total 337
Expenses	<u>\$158,340</u>	<u>\$753,041</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$13,173	\$45,012	

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## Coming Up This Week

**Today, 5 pm, Sanctuary/Trentham Hall**

The Golden Notes Christmas Musical  
& Christmas Fun at First Baptist

**Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal,  
No Other Wednesday Activities

**Friday, 5 pm, Sanctuary**

Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, Adjusted Christmas Schedule**

**11 am, Sanctuary**

A Christmas Celebration Service,  
No First Community or Sunday School

## VISITING?

Let us know you're here!



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