

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Away in the Manger* James R. Murray
David Córdoba Hernandez *pianist*

ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Remember the promise, O people of God.

What promise? you may ask.

The Word of God is coming to dwell among us.

Jesus is the Word of God.

He will bring hope when all seems hopeless.

Remember the promise, O people of God.

Indeed, let us remember as we live the hope found in the One who comes!

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Love Came Down at Christmas* Lani Smith
Aaron Foster, *organist*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Lighting the Candle of Hope Roger and Janyce Pace

Advent Hymn *O Coming Lord* COMING LORD
Aaron Foster, *organist*

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Epistle Reading Michael Owen
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Special Music BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Cathy Wilhelm, *soloist*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Already

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation Music *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* POLISH CAROL
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response *Doxology* VENI EMMANUEL
Aaron Foster, *organist*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayers of the People Courtney Pace and Stanley Pace-Lyon

The Lord's Prayer Courtney Pace and Stanley Pace-Lyon

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Word of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
(If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the Shelby County Health directive, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Roger and Janyce Pace who joined the church on October 25, 2020; Michael Owen, a member of the Connect 4 SS class and a member of the Youth committee; Cathy Wilhelm, a deacon and member of the Sanctuary Choir; Courtney Pace, a member of Committees on Committee and a member of the Connect 4 SS class; and Stanley Pace-Lyon, a member of the Children's SS department.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and marks the beginning of the liturgical year. During this season we light a new Advent candle each week, read specially-chosen scripture and count down the days until Christ's birth, all in an effort to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah.

Announcements

Pastor Search Committee Nominations

Pastor Search Committee nominations are due December 6. On Sunday, December 13 following worship, there will be a called business meeting to approve the Pastor Search Committee slate.

Committee Interest

Are you interested in using your gifts on one of the following committees or task forces? A list of each committee/task force is below.

If you are interested in serving on a committee please prayerfully consider in what way you can serve. Please send your interests to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) or contact a member of Committee on Committees (David Richardson, Mary Ann Rogers, Courtney Pace or Shawn Hawkins.)

Committees:

Missions	Finance	Personnel	Children/Preschool
Youth	Day School	Senior Adults	Committee on Committees
Property	Public Relations		

Task Forces:

Churchwide Fellowships	Flower Coordinator	Care and Share	Baptism & Lord's Supper
Weddings	Greeting and Security	Church Archives	Memorial Prayer Garden Board
Broadcast Media and Technology			

Service of Consolation, December 20, 4 pm

Join us as we mark this night together, gathering to name our grief and together find healing as we wait for the light brought to us by Emmanuel.

Please RSVP, for this service, to Bridget Ellis (bellis@fbcmemphis.org) by December 16.

Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm

Invite your friends and family to join us for our Christmas Eve service in our Sanctuary.

Together we will wait for the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ.

A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website (www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship).

Sermons and worship services are available online at www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons.

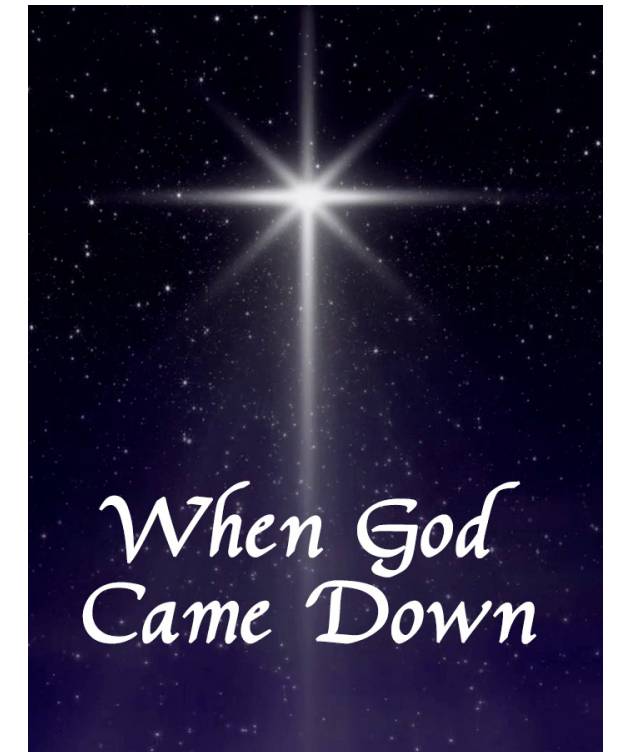
FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany
Valerie Brenner
Nancy Burch
Brant Butler
Chatham Family
Cathy Dickey
Family of Bob Flowers
Linda Haywood
Tim and Janice McCall Family
Betty Winter

Sympathy

To the family of Bob Flowers
To Shawn Hawkins in the death of her mother, Martha Hawkins.



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November 29, 2020

“O coming Lord, who came and went, be with us now for this Advent.”

And let us feel Your warm embrace, a healing presence in this place.

O coming Lord, O coming Lord, a healing presence in this place.”

—O Coming Lord