

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth 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 *A Christmas Medley* arr. Salvatore Buono
Ray Hatton, *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 peace where there is no peace.

Remember the promise, O people of God.

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

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise Robert W. Thygerson
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Aaron Foster, *organist*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Lighting the Candle of Peace Adam Comer and Andrew Helton

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

PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde
Luke 1:26-38

Special Music *Mary Did You Know* arr. Bruce Greer
Trudy Hatton, *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
A Departing Angel

RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Carol Medley* Eugene Butler
Ray Hatton, *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 Cathy Wilhelm

The Lord's Prayer Cathy Wilhelm

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

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Benton Price
Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's pianist is Ray Hatton, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Senior Adult committee.

Today's worship participants are Adam Comer and Andrew Helton who joined the church July 14, 2019; Trudy Hatton, a member of the First Friends SS class and a member of the Sanctuary Choir; and Cathy Wilhelm, a deacon and Senior Adult SS teacher.

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

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			

Year End Giving

What a year 2020 has been! We want to say how deeply appreciative First Baptist is for each of the gifts you have been able to give.

As the year draws to an end, and you realize you meant to gift more to the church, or find yourself with excess funds, you may put them in the Sunday offering, or mail them on or before Thursday, December 31 if you would like them credited towards your 2020 charitable donations for federal tax purposes. Gifts postmarked after 12/31/20 will be credited toward your 2021 donations.

If mailing your gift, use the following address: First Baptist Church, Attn: Lisa Butts, 200 E Parkway, N., Memphis TN, 38112.

Thank you again for remembering your church once again during this season of giving. Merry Christmas!

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.

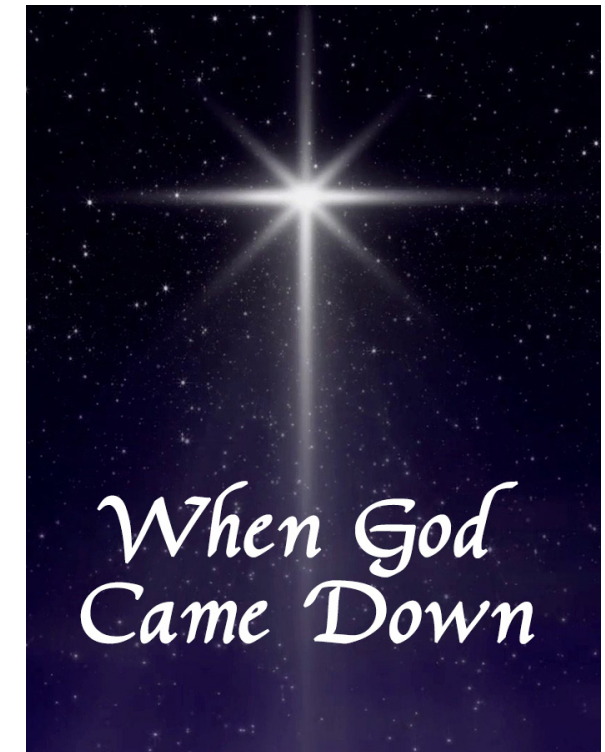
FBC in Prayer

Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany
Valerie Brenner
Chatham Family
Linda Haywood
Jan Jones

Sympathy

To the family of Vera Hankins



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

“O coming Lord, teach us to wait, not hurry, but anticipate.”

All of the joys yet to be spent; lead us to see on this Advent.

O coming Lord, O coming Lord, lead us to see on this Advent.”

—O Coming Lord