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at “First Baptist Church in Beverly”

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Welcome to Worship
at First Baptist Church in Beverly!

We welcome you to worship this morning. We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather or prayer cards in the pew rack, or to speak with Julie Flowers and Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill out one with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Betty and Bill Megrath by Suzanne Harlow.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The Prayground is a child-friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. Child Care for children Kindergarten-age and younger is provided throughout our service, in the Littlest Learners room on the main level, located through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary. Our Childcare Coordinator, who also regularly staffs the room, is Abby Johnstone, an alum of our Youth Fellowship program, and preschool teacher at Glen Urquhart School in Beverly. Abby is assisted weekly by a rotating team of outstanding young people from our Youth Fellowship program. All adults who work with our children have been CORI-checked. We always encourage families and caregivers to do what is best for their child and their family during the worship time.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets monthly following worship, and TODAY is our December class!

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

*Indicates Congregation Standing As They Are Able
***Indicates latecomers may be seated
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Julie Flowers

Moment of Preparation
B. Redington

If I Had a Christmas Wish
Bruce Redington

If I had a Christmas wish, your fears would wash away. If I had a Christmas wish, I'd find the words to say... If trouble's weighing on your heart, you're gonna find a brighter day. If I had a Christmas wish, God's love would find a way. If I had a Christmas wish, He'd watch you through the night. Heal your heart and hold you close. His spirit would unite. If you feel lost and all alone, He'll help you find your way back home. If I had a Christmas wish, God's love would heal your soul. If trouble's weighing on your heart, you're gonna find a brighter day. If I had a Christmas wish, God's love would find a way...

(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)

Call to Worship
Dave, Pam, and Adam Constantine

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Third Candle, Mary's Candle

*Carol of the Season 139
TAULÉ

All Earth Is Waiting

During the opening carol, our 3rd and 4th graders will assist us with continuing the creation of our Nativity scene at the front of the sanctuary.
Invocation, Lord’s Prayer, (debts), and
Gloria in Excelsis Deo (155 chorus)
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Stepsitters
Rev. Julie Flowers

Special Music
Sing We Now of Christmas
Cindy Shupp, flute

Scripture
Dr. Daniel Johnson
Pew Bible pg. N.T. 43
Luke 1:34-45

 Morning Prayer
Rev. Julie Flowers

*Carol of the Season 162
What Child is This?
GREENSLEEVES

Sermon
Dr. Daniel Johnson
“Mary and Joseph, with a Donkey”

Morning Offering
Rev. Julie Flowers
Call to Giving
Offertory
For Us a Child Is Born
For us a child is born, a Son to us is given.
J.S. Bach

*Carol of the Season 142
People, Look East
BENSANÇON

*Benediction
Dr. Daniel Johnson

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masks are now optional in our building. Depending on your personal comfort level, you are welcome to gather here at FBC with or without your mask. We ask that you maintain an appropriate physical distance from your neighbors and if you have cold and/or flu-like symptoms that you stay at home.

Upcoming Events This Week:
Sunday School Sing-a-long with Esther – today after worship
Youth Sunday School – today after worship
Word Searchers Adult Bible Study – today at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room
Middle School Fellowship – today 4 p.m.–6 p.m.
Senior High Fellowship – today 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Monday Night Supper – Monday at 6 p.m.
FBC Open Gym with Pickelball – Monday at 7 p.m.
Zoom Coffee Hour – Thursday at 10 a.m.
Celebration Ringers Bell Choir – Thursday at 6 p.m.
Sanctuary Vocal Choir – Thursday at 7 p.m.
Hybrid Lectio Divina – Friday at 5 p.m. in the Lounge and on Zoom

*Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.