

First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

December 31, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2017

Morning Worship

Eleven A.M.

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

This is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God's people and a light to all.
Let us worship God.

Prelude

Elizabeth Hensley, Flute
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Douglas Brooks-Davies
(Traditional English Carol)

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Congregation

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever.

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 100

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10–62:3 Mrs. Hilda Ray

Hymn No. 98 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* WALTHAM

Epistle Reading Galatians 4:4-7 Mrs. Taylor Jordan

* Offertory Hymn, No. 117 DIX
As with Gladness Men of Old

* Offertory Prayer Mrs. Genie Carter

Offertory Mr. Council
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella arr. David Hegarty
(Traditional French Carol)

* Offertory Response *Christmas Doxology* W SLOBIE LEZY

Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three - in - One. Here we
of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im - part, as we
glo - ry in your Pre - sence, giv - ing from a grateful heart.

Children's Sermon Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song Mr. Ezzell, Solo
Once in Royal David's City arr. Richard Walters

The Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40 Rev. Clore

Sermon Looking Forward Rev. Clore

* **Hymn of Commitment, No. 103** MUELLER
Away in a Manger

* **Benediction** Rev. Clore

* **Benediction Response** The Chancel Choir
Eddie Fort
Christmas Benediction

Light of God, through Christ our Lord
go with us now, Emmanuel. Amen.

* **Postlude** Mr. Council
Johann Sebastian Bach
Canticle of Joy!



We thank Mr. Melvin Ezzell for leading our worship music today.

Today's meditation was copied from *Call to Worship*, PAM, Louisville, KY, 2017.

Sunday, December 31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
4:00 p.m. Melody Makers, (Ages 4 - 1st grade)
4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3

5:00 p.m. Young Musicians, Grades 2-5/
Children's Handchimes, Grades 1-5
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Equipping
Church Ch. 7 (pp. 110-121), Godly Play
Children's Program
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Deacons of the Week

Buster Carter / Ellis Jordan

Christmas Missions Offering

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
Lottie Moon	\$1,500	\$1,250.00
Global Missions	\$4,000	\$3,305.00



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