

First Baptist Church of York



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

*W*E THANK THEE,
AND *praise* THY
glorious
name.

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between people and a life-changing God."**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

FOR YOUR COMFORT During the worship service, if the temperature is cooler than you like, you are welcome to borrow one of the knit shawls provided in the coat room. Please remember to leave the shawl behind after the service.

Worship Leader: Bob M

Prelude:

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence/ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(arr. Medema)

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.*

Advent Candle Lighting

Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

(Hymn #152)

"Dawning Light of Our Salvation"

(Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Bruce Benedict.

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Long in darkness Israel wandered,
long in mortal shadows, we
walked in bondage and self-pity,
trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words He told us,
long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:

Ev'ry valley be exalted!

Ev'ry mountain be made plain.

Crooked ways repent and straighten,

all creation bend in praise.

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
born of David's lineage, He
comes in cov'nant love to claim us
from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness,
life to those from death who flee,
joy unto the earth, and gladness,
to your pathways dawning peace!

(refrain)

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior;
David's Son and yet his King,
dawning light of our salvation,
of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, O lame, and dance ye broken,
know the Savior's healing grace;
come, O deaf, and hear him singing;
turn, O blind, behold His face!

(refrain, repeated)

Missions Moment

Ministry of Music:

"Keep Your Lamps"

(Traditional American Spiritual, arr. by Andre Thomas)

- the Choir

(After the Ministry of Music, all children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed to children's worship.)

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

"Love Was When"

(Wyrzten)

*Love was when God became a man
Locked in time and space without rank or place.
Love was God nailed to bleed and die
To reach and love one such as I.*

Song of Worship:

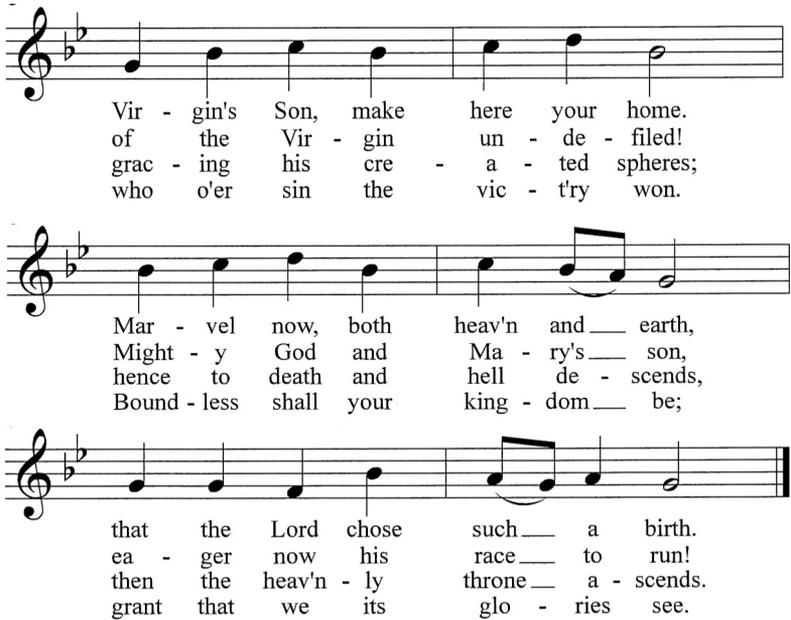
Savior of the Nations, Come

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

Music: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, 1524



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come!
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears,
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son,



Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!
grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres;
who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.

Mar - vel now, both heav'n and earth,
Might - y God and Ma - ry's son,
hence to death and hell de - scends,
Bound - less shall your king - dom be;

that the Lord chose such a birth.
ea - ger now his race to run!
then the heav'n - ly throne a - scends.
grant that we its glo - ries see.

(After the Song of Worship, all children ages 3rd grade and up are dismissed to children's worship.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:30-31; 23:34-35

Message From God's Word

Song of Preparation:

"Worthy Is the Lamb"

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Thank You for the cross, Lord;
Thank You for the price You paid;
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came,
And gave amazing grace;

Thank You for this love, Lord;
Thank You for the nail pierced hands;
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know... Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb, Seated on the throne;
Crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious;

High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
The High King of Heaven crucified;
Worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb.

The Lord's Supper: (Our communion table is open to everyone who is a believer. You are invited to partake of the elements if you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, even if you are not a member of our church.)

Song of Response and Invitation:

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(Hymn #393, first verse)

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Benediction

Postlude:

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(arr. Kellner)



Prayer Chain

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Rich D, Shirley D, Tina D, Esther D, F family,
Charles G, Erik H, Alice M, Jean M,
Gloria N, Preston O, Tristan S, Jeanette S,
Dr. Bill S, S family, Don & Diane S,
Paul S, Buddy W, Grace W, India Bible Literature,
direction for our Children and Youth program, our Military,
our President and other elected officials, those affected by
disastrous and tragic recent events worldwide

VIPS:

Lamar & Janet F, Flo L, Marcus M, Jean M,
Ken & Etta* M, Dorothy R, Betty T (*Caregiver)

CHILDREN'S

WORSHIP:

4yrs.-2nd Grade:

Sue F

3rd Grade & up:

Mercedes A

BIRTHDAY

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NURSERY:

Leslie M

COOKIE VISITORS:

Clair & Kathy D

MISSIONARY

BIRTHDAYS

No missionary
birthdays this week.
Please keep all of our
missionaries in prayer.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES: *During December we will be taking our annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Since the RMMO began in 1977, it has helped provide much needed "thank you" checks to retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and families - those who have dedicated their lives to God's service. In 2016, RMMO raised \$1,059,444, and more than 3,400 checks were distributed to recipients and their families. Please give generously to this offering as God leads you. Special giving envelopes are provided on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also include a gift along with your regular tithes and offerings by writing "RMMO" and the amount you wish to designate on your envelope.*

GIVING TREE: *Access-York, a program that seeks to eliminate domestic violence in York and offer support, education, and a safe environment for victims of such violence, is in need of socks and gloves for adult women. Children's gloves or mittens are also needed. If you would like to*

donate any of these items, please hang them on the Giving Tree located at the top of the stairs in the narthex no later than Christmas Day.

MANY THANKS FOR HER SERVICE: *Alice Shaul has been representing our church as the Coordinator for the Red Cross Bloodmobile for many years. Alice has decided that it is time for her to retire, and we want to thank her for her many years of dedicated service for this ministry of outreach. We are now looking for a volunteer/volunteers to take on this responsibility. The time commitment amounts to some very minimal organizing plus approximately 6 hours on the day of the drive, three times a year. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Bob Miller or the Church office.*

SAVE THE DATES! *The annual Church Retreat is scheduled for **March 2-4, 2018**, at beautiful Camp Hebron. Our leader will be Rev. Kevin W.*

CHURCH DIRECTORY: *Updated copies can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please inform the church office if you notice any errors or have any revisions to report.*

ENCORE CONCERT: Today at 3:00pm The Encore Concert Series will present the Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo. Hailed as a "revelation to hear" by The Washington Post, the Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo's phenomenal musicianship places them solidly at the top of their field. Michael Newman and Laura Oltman's concert tours have taken them to world cultural capitals and premiere venues across five continents, the Caribbean, and South Pacific. The Duo will help us begin our Advent season observance by presenting a program titled "A Christmas Pastorate: 600 Years of Carols, Chorales, Preludes and Pastorales for Two Guitars."

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: All First Baptist Church women are invited to the annual women's Christmas party scheduled for **Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm** at the church. The menu will include a variety of soups, bread, and a sumptuous dessert. Secret Sisters will be disclosed at the party following the dinner, but women who did not participate in the Secret Sister program may bring a gift to exchange if they wish to do

so. Child care will be provided for those who attend with young children. A sign-up sheet is provided on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway.

ATTENTION YOUTH: Today is the deadline to sign up for gingerbread house decorating with your prayer partner on **Saturday, December 9th from 1:00-4:00pm**. Invite your prayer partner or come alone. Please fill out the RVSP form and bring a candy to share for use in decorating.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: The entire congregation is invited to enjoy a delicious Christmas meal following the worship service **next Sunday, December 10**. Everything for the meal will be provided; you only need to bring your appetite! Those attending will enjoy food, fellowship, and, entertainment. Please sign up today using the RSVP form included in this bulletin or call the church office at 717-600-0077 no later than Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Bring joy to the world, or at least to some people in our church family, by going out to sing Christmas carols on **Sunday, December 17**. We will meet at the church at **5:30pm** to plan out our routes. Please bring some Christmas cookies/dessert to share when we meet back at the church later.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RESPONSE: Thanks to all who participated in the shoebox collection organized by Samaritan's Purse. We collected 74 shoeboxes, which is an excellent response. Children around the world will have a Christmas package and hear the words of Jesus this year because of your generosity. This is a wonderful ministry of sharing with those less fortunate. If you purchased the tracking label, please let the church office know where your boxes went after you hear from Samaritan's Purse.

MINISTRY LEADERS: As **2018 (oh my!)** draws near, it's time to start working on our calendar of events and updating the lists of volunteers who serve in various capacities on Sunday mornings. If you are responsible for scheduling group events or for coordinating Sunday morning volunteers, please remember to share your 2018 plans with the church office as soon as you have them. Thank you!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED of nursery attendants, a Sunday school teacher

for the grades 3-5 class, and a Director of Children and Youth. Please contact Dustin H if you would like to serve or explore the possibility of serving in any of these ways.

AMAZON SMILE: When you're shopping on Amazon this holiday season, you can help support First Baptist Church by using the Amazon Smile program. IT'S EASY! Here's how:

- Log into Amazon, but use [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of plain old Amazon.com
- Sign in using your regular user ID and password
- Click on the button to select a charity
- Type in "First Baptist Church" in the space to search for us
- Select "First Baptist Church" (NOT York First Baptist Church – that one is in SC)
- 0.5% of your spending on Amazon Smile will be donated to FBCOY!!

If you save these settings, **a portion of all your future purchases will come to the church** PROVIDED you go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when logging in.

PRAYER THOUGHT: For the mercy O Lord that You have for me, I approach Your throne of grace, to glorify Your Name and say Hallelujah God Almighty, Living King, for the opportunity to live until this day. I celebrate for one more day Your mercies and that the main expression of Your love became flesh and walked with us, so I could be saved. O Great Lord how big and unexplainable is Your love for me! It cannot be described in human words, so I can only adore You through my obedience. Help me O Christ to forget my ways and remember that You have a better plan for me, to understand that the air that I breathe is a gift from You and nothing that I deserve. O Dear Lord help me to live each day as if it were the last, to serve You and share Your word with others as You shared salvation through Your beloved son, Jesus. I pray O Lord that I can live to believe Your word, without hesitation, without fear, and be ready to see Your face when You decide to return. I pray in Jesus name, Amen!

(by Mercedes A)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 2 - 9

Sun	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:10am	Prayer
	10:30am	Worship & Communion
	3:00pm	Encore Concert
Mon	7:00pm	Youth Group
Tue	6:30pm	Women's Christmas Party
Wed	10:00am	Bible Study
Thu	6:30pm	Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
	7:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat	1:00-4:00pm	Youth Prayer Partner Gingerbread House Day

Advent Calendar:

December 10 All Church Christmas Dinner and Party - Noon

December 17 Christmas Caroling - 5:30pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Service/Candle-lighting - 6:30pm

Sunday School and Worship Service will be held at the usual times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

JESUS THE FORGIVER
Luke 1:30-33, 23:33-35
December 3, 2017

Jesus was born to be great. (Luke 1:30-33)

Jesus died in shame. (Luke 23:33-35)

As he was dying, he prayed for forgiveness for the people.

Father

Forgive

Them

Because they do not know what they are doing

His blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins. (Matt. 26:26-29)

Forgiveness "breaks the power of canceled sin." (Col. 1:13-14)

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