

A family of faith, growing in God's love, striving to be faithful.



Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here. However, you walked in our doors today, whether full of joy or sorrow, we are with you. You are welcome in this place, just as you are. Take a deep breath and prepare your heart for worship. FBCOKC is an authentic family of faith seeking to love God with everything we have, love everyone around us, and be a part of the work God is doing here in OKC and around the world. Come help us grow and change the world! We need you. You will find a “Connect Card” right in front of you. We would love for you to fill that out so we may reach out to get to know you more. If you are looking for a place to grow, heal, and find a place to belong, we’ve got you. May God meet you today, right where you are today. May God bring healing and life to your weary soul. Come and worship.

Pastor Sarah Stewart

First Family Welcome.....Sarah Stewart

FBCOKC—Come be *YOU* with *US*!

Angels We Have Heard on High

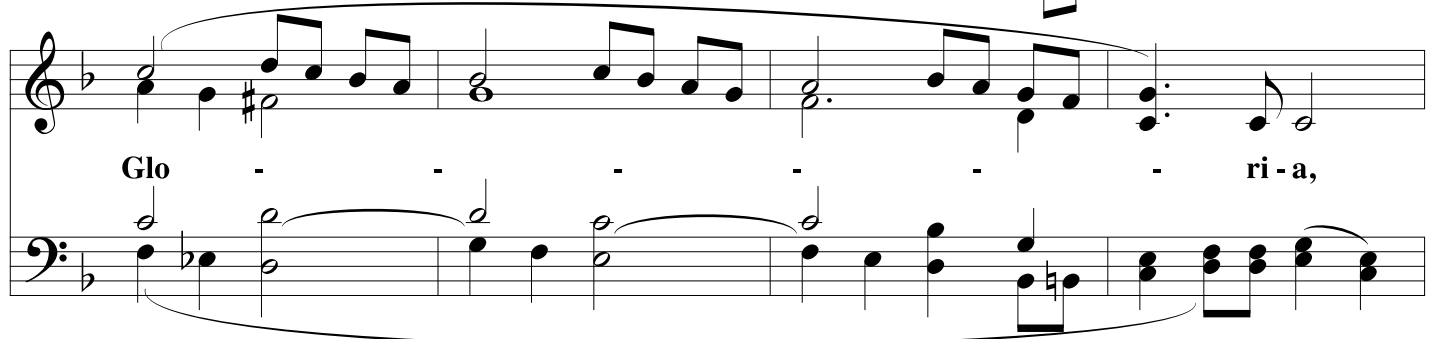
*Stand



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - - - - - ri - a,



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -



- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Isaiah 9: 2-7 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Lighting of the 2nd Advent CandleMeredith and Janice Long



“The Yearning”

by Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.

There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.

There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

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There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning!

He Is Born

*Stand

He is born, the ho - ly Child, Play the
o - boe and bag - pipes mer - ri - ly! He is born, the ho - ly
Child, Sing we all of the Sav - ior mild. *Fine*
1. Thro' long a - ges of the past, Proph - ets
2. O how love - ly, of O how the pure Is this
3. Je - sus, Lord of all the world, Com - ing
have fore - told His com - ing; Thro' long a - ges
per - fect a Child of heav - en; O how love - ly,
as a Child a - mong us, Je - sus, Lord of
of the past, Now the time has come at last! *D.C. al Fine*

~ CHILDREN'S SERMON ~



Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

*Stand

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, — Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — Born that we no more may die, —

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to — give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King."

Missions Moment.....Randy Hill

Congregational Prayer.....Brad Stewart

"Hosanna In Excelsis"

arr. by Michael Ware

Don Clothier, piano

Steven McConnell, organ

SERMON

“To Know God More: Through His Son”.....Sarah Stewart

John 1:1-13

How do I respond?

We pray God spoke words of hope and truth over you this morning. Now is the time for you to reflect and respond. What is God calling you to do in response to his word? How might you live differently this week?

- If you need to pray with someone, you are welcome to go down front or to the back of the sanctuary during this song and a minister will be there waiting to pray with you.
- If you want to give your life to Christ, don't wait! Go and talk to Pastor Sarah now or after worship. This is the best decision you will ever make!
- If you are ready to make this church your church home and want to join this family, you have a few options. One, if you are already a believer, you can go talk to Pastor Sarah right now and she will be delighted to introduce you to your new church family. Two, you can visit with a minister after worship or throughout the week and when you are ready we can simply let the church know you've made this decision. If you have not been baptized, we will talk with you about making that decision as an act of obedience to Christ. It is a sacred moment in a person's faith journey to declare to their church family that they have given their life to following Jesus. We would be honored to have you join this family of faith!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Stand**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O
3. Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

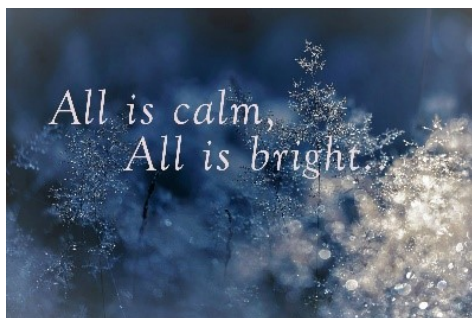
come sing, ye, O come ye to come bright ye hosts to Beth le - hem!
Je - all sus to Thee be of all heav'n a - bove!
glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels! O
Glo - ry of the God, Fa - all glo - ry in the ap - pear - est! O
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh

come, let us a - dore Him! O come let us a - dore Him! O

come let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Benediction



Christmas can be such a busy time. We will celebrate as a church in many ways from a special worship service “Sounds of the Season” on December 12th at 10:30, to small group Christmas Parties, Taste of Christmas and a beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service. We want to give you time to rest and be with your families. We are having ‘worship only’ on December 26th and January 2nd. We will take a two-week rest from Sunday morning Bible Studies. This will give our teachers a break and allow us to gather with energy and fresh spirits at 10:30 to worship those Sundays. (Any group that wants to meet is still welcome to meet as long as your teacher is up for it!) Enjoy resting in God’s goodness.

World Mission ffering


World Mission Offering

First Baptist Church’s World Mission Offering helps fund missionaries from our own church. The offering supports Tim Tillinghast’s administrative work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. He is currently in the United States but is preparing to return to Germany in 2022. The offering also allows Grace Ogburn to do her Bible translation work and for Aaron Ogburn to do his compassionate work with refugees in Europe through Pioneer Bible Translators. These dedicated missionaries not only represent Christ to the world, they also represent First Baptist Church. They need our support.

In order to contribute to their ministries through First Baptist Church, you **MUST** designate your gift to the World Mission Offering. Write “World Mission Offering” on your check or offering envelope, or use the drop-down menu under the Giving Tab on our church app or website.



*****Community Care Offering this Sunday, December 5th*****



What's Happening at FBCOKC?

December 2021

Dec 12: Sounds of the Season Worship
Dec 18: Youth Christmas Party
Dec 19: Children's Christmas Party
Dec 24: Taste of Christmas at 5pm &
Christmas Eve Service at 6pm
Dec 26 and Jan 2: Worship Service Only

January 2022

Jan 1: Further Up & Further In
Challenge begins
Jan 1-31: Knees to the Earth
(Month of Prayer)
Jan 2: Night of Prayer and Worship 6pm
Jan 9: Committee Kick-Off
Jan 30: Chili Cook Off Karaoke after church



Every great movement, every revival in churches, everywhere, began with prayer. Every church that is now thriving and revitalized started when a small group of committed people decided to pray. Friends, we need to be on our knees for the church. I am looking for that small group of committed people who might lead the way in praying for a revival in our church. May God fill this place and send us out into the world to carry out the Great Commission of making disciples. In

January, we will have a dedicated month of prayer. This Sunday, you are invited to sign up for a time of day that you will commit to praying for the church each day throughout January. It could be for one minute or for the whole hour. Join me in praying.

Church family, I am challenging you to join me in reading through the Bible together next year. It sounds overwhelming, but if we just take it one day at a time, we can do this! If you get behind, that is okay. Just pick back up and start again. This is an invitation for those who wish to know God more. The plan we are using is through The Bible Project and it is the plan I used this year. Each day we will read between 3 and 4 chapters. Each week you will receive an email with the readings for the upcoming week as well as links to short videos explaining the books we are reading. We can do this. If we are serious about being the people of God, let's climb up the mountain to know God more. For those who accept the challenge, we will have packets to get you started on this journey. We can do this!

