



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
JANUARY 1, 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
10:00 A.M.

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*Once the star in the sky is gone and the kings are back home, that is when the work of Christmas begins.*

-Howard Thurman

Gathering Music

“Rise Up, Shepherd” with “What Child is This?”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Shepherds and Angels”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 137)

“Sing We Now of Christmas”  
FRENCH CAROL

\* Passing of the Peace

John Pauls

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONG 126, v 3)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”  
REGENT SQUARE

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant’s star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!**

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitations. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Assurance of Pardon

*God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. God's goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God's mercy and assurance of pardon.*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

*"He is Born, the Divine Christ Child"*  
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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Epiphany Response (CONGR 150, v. 1)

*"As with Gladness, Men of Old"*  
DIX

Reflection

Rev. Larry Adams

Epiphany Response (CONGR 150, v. 2)

*"As with Gladness, Men of Old"*  
DIX

Reflection

Rev. Joel Sturtevant

Epiphany Response (CONGR 150, v. 3)

*"As with Gladness, Men of Old"*  
DIX

Reflection

Rev. Cristina Adams

Epiphany Response (CONGR 150, v. 4)

*"As with Gladness, Men of Old"*  
DIX

Reflection

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table

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Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 151)

“We Three Kings”  
KINGS OF ORIENT

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Christmas Celebration”  
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: John Pauls*

*Organist/Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller*

*Livestream Video Crew: Susan Pauls, Jim Lord*

*Sound: Shane Schenkel*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Local Church: Lawrence Bible Chapel*

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula, serving churches in Nebraska*

*International Ministries Missionary: Dilia Zelaya, serving in Honduras*

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant – matt@firstbaptistlawrence.com	Senior Pastor
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