

Third Sunday in Advent, Joy

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Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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Theme: *From Generation to Generation*

There is Room for Every Story

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Thematic Interpretation

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The Greeting

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The joy of the Christ child be with you. **And also with you.**

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

Gésu Bambino, Pietro Yon

The Call to Worship

Rev. Susan Reed

We believe in a God who wants us to experience joy on earth as it is in heaven!

We believe in a God who believes in us...who believes that we can make a difference in our world.

We believe in a God who opens the door to new life—life everlasting.

We believe in a God who wants us to share the good news.

We believe in a God who believes we can choose grace over judgment.

We believe in a God who opens the door and joyfully says, “Welcome home, there is room for you here!”

***The Carol of Joy**

Congregation

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come, No. 146

The Choral Reflection

Chancel Choir

Candlelight Carol, Rutter

The Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem as if they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there is room for us here. **Here, we believe in a God who believes in us. Who believes that we can make a difference, that we can choose love over hate, and peace in the midst of strife. Let us pray.**

The Prayer of Confession

Congregation

God of mercy, several times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious, to assume the best in others, to give the benefit of the doubt, and to extend grace. Yet so often we choose not to be merciful. We confess that fear and greed, assumptions and insecurities, comparison and criticism influence our decisions. Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph. Forgive us for carrying generational prejudice and hate into our present everyday lives. Forgive us for forgetting that all people were made in your image. May we strive to live our lives in love and listen as Mary and Joseph listened so long ago. Give us courage to impact the generations to come with love, wisdom, and grace.

The Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair and Congregation

Family of faith, hear the good news: We who have chosen wrong are extended grace. We who have lost our way are welcomed back into the community of grace. We who feel alone are seen, held, and known by a forgiving God. **God welcomes me home. I am loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

***The Carol**

Congregation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, No. 169

Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.

***The New Testament Lesson**

Bea Davis

Luke 1:39-56

The Musical Reflection

Chancel Choir

Star Carol, Rutter

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Generation to Generation: The Magnificent Magnificat

***The Carol**

Congregation

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, No. 156

***The Offertory Prayer**

Steve Lin

The Offertory

Chancel Ringers

Silent Night, Holy Night, arr. Dobrinski

Steve Lin, Director

***The Congregational Response**

**O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

***The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, arr. John Rutter

Prayer Concerns

Paul Allison, brother-in-law of Reba Cobb, hospice care

Sharkey Arnett, health concerns

Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns

Jim Thurmond, health concerns

Robin Riddle, recent surgery

Ben Thomas, health concerns

David McMullin, brother of Jean Henry, health concerns

The Louisville Orchestra Holiday Concert

The Louisville Orchestra will be here on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. There will be no cost to those who attend. Please spread the word!

Cookies for Louisville Orchestra Concert

If you can provide 2 or 3 dozen cookies for the reception following the concert, please contact Heidi Hilliard or Debra Reh.

Angel Tree

We will be sponsoring angels this year through Chenoweth Elementary and Choices Inc. (transitional housing for women and families). Chenoweth and Choices are two of our mission partners with which we work year-round. The angels will be available at the church. Please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org if you have any questions. If you're unable to shop and would like to financially sponsor an angel, please contact Susan as well.



The semester recital will take place today at 1 p.m. Two venues: Sanctuary and Chapel. One reception: Friendship Hall. Join us as we celebrate the Academy's first semester.

The new semester begins the week of January 9.

*Individual lessons are available for flute, guitar, trumpet, violin, voice, and piano.

*Group lessons include acrylic and watercolor painting for adults and children, creative movement (ages 7-10), preschool "Music in Me" (ages 3-5), and ballroom dancing (adults). Stretch your creative wings in 2023! The Academy is for all ages and abilities.

Save the Dates!

Louisville Orchestra Holiday Concert- December 13 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services- December 24 at 5 & 11 p.m.

Canasta Night- January 6 at 6 p.m.

Deacon Ordination- January 11

Parent Meeting and Family Chili Cookoff- January 14

Enneagram Weekend- January 20-21

Youth Trivia Night- February 4

Spring Missions Sale- March 3-4

Women's Spring Luncheon- March 18

Advent Worship and Music Calendar

December 18, String Quartet, Organ, and Chancel Choir present
A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, Christmas Eve Services, 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

December 25, a simplistic Christmas Day Service

Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study

Serving line opens at 5:30 p.m. and the Bible study begins at 6:15 p.m.

Reservations are required for dinner and can be made online or by calling Candace at 895-2459. Reservation deadline for each week is Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Permanent reservations are available. If you are unable to attend, the reservation must be canceled by Monday 1:00 p.m. or you will be responsible for the charge.

Adults \$10

Child ages 5-12 \$3

Under 5 free

Join us for good fellowship, a good meal and Bible study by our pastors.

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner/Activities on December 21 or 28 and January 4.

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Chicken & Vegetable Pie

Baked Apples

Broccoli Salad

Desserts:

Needing donated desserts for Wednesday night dinners. We are trying to keep the cost down for the meal and so we are requesting desserts be donated. They can be purchased or homemade. If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Donna Williams by text or call 502-774-0515.

Advent Theme 2022



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**How will you retell this generational story for the people in your extended family?
How can you include more than just your nuclear family within your story for future generations?**

The Cover Art for this Sunday

Genealogy of Christ

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Matthew 1:1-17 | Digital painting

While creating this image, I spent a lot of time with the women mentioned in Jesus' genealogy. Their stories held a heaviness of judgment. In my experience, it seemed the primary function of recounting their lives was to show how broken and sinful they were, and how, despite their brokenness, God was merciful enough to use them. What I realized was that these women—despite the loathsome, corrupt systems they were in—found a way to claim their voice and found enough power to survive. I was inspired by the composition and movement of the From Generation to Generation... logo. In this image, I chose to represent Christ using a rose at the center of the composition. The women mentioned in the genealogy are imaged as foundational leaves building and upholding Christ. All of the women are looking at the viewer and holding objects to represent the fact that they took their survival into their own hands. They were catalysts who propelled the lineage forward.

Our promise to each other:

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

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