



OUR STAFF

FIRST FOCUS

WELCOME

We gather this morning from all parts of this great city, connected by a common love for Jesus Christ and a contagious joy that we have discovered in him.

“His mercies are new every morning” says the Scripture. So, we meet in this holy, happy place with the expectation of finding “grace to help.”

We are glad that you have joined us today! We call it “fellowship around God’s Word” and our prayer is that you will experience for yourself the encouragement of the Lord and His people.

The card below is intended for use by our guests. We are grateful for an opportunity to get to know you.

“Let the world hear His voice.” God bless you.

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“Joy is not gush. Joy is not jolliness.
Joy is perfect acquiescence in God’s will.” --Amy Carmichael

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17 NASB)

TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 8:30 Early Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 9:30 International Services (3 Services; Zomi, 12:30)
- 11:00 Late Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 11:00 LOGOS (Contemporary), Danny Panter, preaching
- 11:00 Spanish Service (Blanchard Lounge), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 5:30 Christmas At First (Early Presentation)
- 7:15 Christmas At First (Late Presentation)

LESSONS AND CAROLS. December 20 • 6:00 PM. The FBCSA Chamber Singers present an evening service of nine “lessons” from Scripture which tell the story of Christmas from Eden to Bethlehem. Simple and beautiful. Come listen, learn, and sing.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, 5:30 – December 24. For many, it is the most beautiful service of the year. Candlelight Lord’s Supper. You and your family are invited. *Annual Memorial Service at 4:45* for those who have lost loved ones. Both services are open to the community.

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Family still in town the Sunday after Christmas? Come worship! Glad for an additional day of rest? Come worship! On Sunday morning, December 27, FBCSA will worship at 8:30 (early worship) and 11:00 (traditional and Logos, Spanish and International)...7 services that day to celebrate Christmas. You are invited. To allow more time with family, no Bible Study that morning. Relaxed dress is welcome.

Will the New Year Be New for You?

Change is hard. “Not changing” is harder. Our *Re:Verse* reading this week (Matthew 3) rings with the message of John the Baptist. Repent! (literally - change your mind).

2016 looks like it is going to be an exciting year for our fellowship. NEW leaders (staff and volunteer). NEW ideas. NEW neighbors in the downtown area.

Whether it is new for me depends on my willingness to change. A New Year requires a new me!

Next week’s *Re:Verse* reading (Matthew 4) points to a dark struggle that faces the person who wants to change. I hope you’ll get your Bible and consider the temptations of Christ. The struggle is worth it!

Will the New Year be new for you?

I’m praying for you.
Pastor Don

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OUR MISSION

IS TO FOLLOW OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
AND TO LEAD ALL OTHERS TO A
JOYFUL LIFE IN HIM

TODAY’S SERMON

“PRINCE OF PEACE”
T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING
December 13, 2015 | 11:00 AM

GUEST REGISTRATION

11:00

Welcome to First Baptist Church. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To help us minister to you, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

Today’s date _____

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Single Married Birthday/Year _____ Age _____

Military Affiliation Y or N Branch of Service _____ Installation _____

Family Member Deployed? Y or N

Address _____ Apt No. _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ E-mail _____

Please check grades or ages of children living at home.

Preschool: under 2 2 yrs. 3 yrs. 4 yrs. 5 yrs.

Children: 1st grade 2nd grade 3rd grade

4th grade 5th grade 6th grade

Students: 7th grade 8th grade 9th grade 10th grade

11th grade 12th grade College (19-24 yrs.)

I am visiting from out-of-town I am seeking a church home

I would like to become a member of First Baptist Church. Please contact me.

I would welcome further contact via e-mail phone personal visit



DECEMBER 13, 2015 | 11:00 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SAN ANTONIO

Third Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "Variations on Noël Suisse" arr. Dauquin

HIS NAME

Call to Worship "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Wilberg The Sanctuary Choir

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come, ye, O come, ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God; God in the highest; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to thee be all glory given. Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:6-9 Aaron Hufty

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Carol 87* "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" ANTIOCH

Greet One Another Aaron Hufty

Welcome and Prayer Bryan Richardson

Carol 108* "How Great Our Joy" JÜNGST

HIS WORD

The Children's Message Advent Candle - Joy Pastor

Carol 96* "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

Anthem "No Eye Had Seen" The Sanctuary Choir arr. Krogstad

No eye had seen, no ear had heard 'Til hosts on high proclaimed the birth. And Heaven brought down its only Child, The Son of man the world reconciled.

Quietly, with no one watching, From the womb of perfect peace, Wellspring of the joy delivered Into earthly destiny.

And song broke forth, angelic strain, And none could help but sing the name: "Kyrie eleison," we sing, Glory to the newborn King! Mortal and immortal voices, Endless praises echoing! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

Morning Message "Prince of Peace" Matthew 3:1-17 Don Guthrie

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Decision 7* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

Offertory "Christmas Fantasy" Orchestra at First Goeller

HIS FAMILY

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

Life Together Don Guthrie

Going Out Together Carol 100* "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Postlude "Voluntary on God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Rogers

Seth Nelson Organ Jennifer Zaccagni Piano

We welcome, with love, this gift from above: Mikaelah Joy Huff

born November 23, 2015 to Ben and Andrey; and big sister: Rebekah.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV "Touching lives through television for over forty years." Song lyrics are reprinted by permission CCLI #631849.



Helpful Information for Christmas at First 2015

General Entry will be through the Playscape and Courtyard gates only.

Handicap Entry will be under the Porte-Cochere. Parking for the handicap will be in the Staff and Broadway lots.

Bus Entry will be on the corner of 4th Street and Avenue B, going west bound on 4th street, parking along the curb.

Parking for Christmas at First

5:30 - McCullough lot

7:15 - River lot

(Police Officers will be on McCullough Avenue to guide you).

Childcare First come, first serve. Check-in for the 5:30pm starts at 4:30pm and for the 7:15pm at 6:55pm. Check-in and pick up at the McCullough street/Breezeway doors ONLY!

Christmas at First Seating: Doors open for the Sunday 5:30pm open at 4:45pm and at 6:50pm for the 7:15pm. Late seating will be available only after the candlelight processional.

Overflow seating available for all presentations in the Chapel.

I Belong Here

11:00

Belonging to a church is a biblical, beneficial step. Membership in a church says 3 things. I BELIEVE what these people believe. I AM COMMITTED to love them and be loved by them. I WILL SERVE with them as we honor Christ by building His church together. I BELONG HERE!

- I want to become a member of FBC.
I am interested. Please contact me for conversation and future opportunities to learn about FBC.
I have questions.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

(Please check preferred way of contact.)

God bless you!