



OUR STAFF

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.

Don Guthrie, Pastor

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FIRST FOCUS

“Life is too large for us as it is: we all have too many things to attend to.”
– G.K. Chesterton

“Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.” – Stephen R. Covey

“The will of God is not something you add to your life. It is a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God...or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world. – Elisabeth Elliot

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), Don Guthrie, simulcast
- 11:00 Spanish Service (Blanchard Lounge), René de Alejandro, preaching
- 5:30 Church Conference (Important)
- 6:00 Lessons and Carols

CHURCH CONFERENCE. You will want to join us tonight for a very important church conference. 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

LESSONS AND CAROLS. TONIGHT • 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.

ADVENT CONCERT & LUNCH SERIES. Tuesdays at noon. Concert and lunch (one hour). Join us on Dec. 22 for ILLUMEN – Men’s Ensemble. Concert, free; lunch, \$5.00. This will conclude this year’s Advent Series.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 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, there will be **NO Bible Study that morning.** Relaxed dress is welcome.

IMAGO ARTS ACADEMY is now enrolling students for the 2016 Spring Semester for music and art. Lessons will begin January 11, 2016 and classes will begin February 8, 2016. Contact suzie@fbcsa.org or call the church office for more info.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED is a 10-week course designed to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to refresh and reinforce the basic truths of Christian faith for those who have been Christians “All Their Lives.” Come discuss “Who Jesus Is”, “Why Did Jesus Come?”, and “What It Means for Us”. To register or for more info, go to fbcsa.org/ChristianityExplored.

WINTER SERMON SERIES - MATTHEW. In preparation for December 27, please read the *Re:Verse* scripture passage, Matthew 5:1-12.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

OUR MISSION

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

TODAY’S SERMON

“ONE NECESSARY THING”

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING
December 20, 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 20, 2015 | 11:00 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "Variations on a Noël" arr. Dauquin
"Fantasy on Two Well-Known Carols" arr. West

HIS NAME

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 9:23 Aaron Hufty

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches.

Call to Worship "Masters in this Hall" arr. Wilberg
The Sanctuary Choir

Carol 94* "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Greet One Another Aaron Hufty

Welcome and Prayer Larry Soape

HIS WORD

Carol 98* "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" WALTHAM

The Children's Message Advent Candle - Love Pastor

Carol 90* "Carols Sing" BETHLEHEM SONG

Anthem "Love Came Down at Christmas" Clausen
The Sanctuary Choir

Love came down,
Love all lovely, love divine.
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine.
Worship we our Jesus
But where with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Morning Message "One Necessary Thing" Don Guthrie
Matthew 4:1-11

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Decision 86* "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

Offertory "Variations on Divinum Mysterium" Nelson
Seth Nelson

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

HIS FAMILY

The Dedication of a Home Pastor
Kara and Marc Powell, and Kinsley

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!
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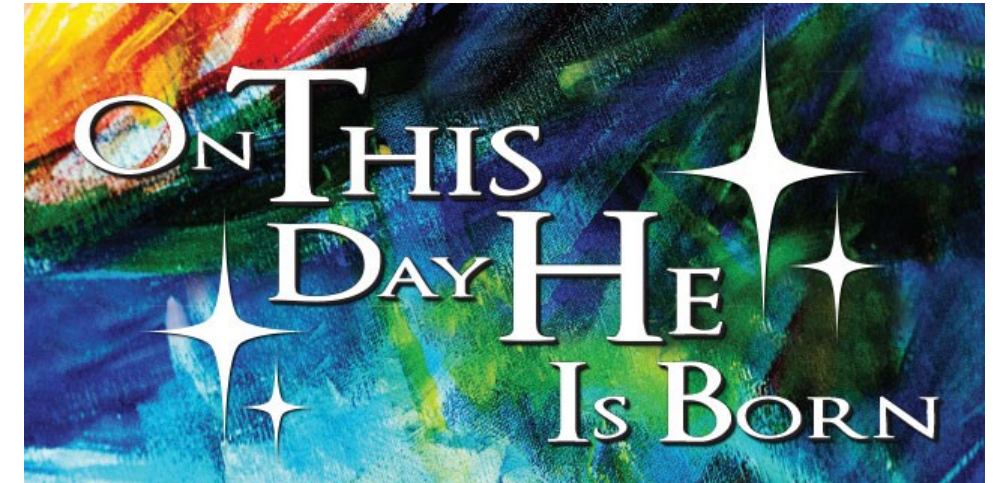
Postlude "Voluntary on MENDELSSOHN" arr. Wilcocks

Seth Nelson Diann Whisnand
Organ Piano

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Jesse Smith
by Naomi Smith.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Morning Worship telecast live on KSAT-TV
"Touching lives through television for over forty years."
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CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

You and your family are invited to worship with the First Baptist Church Family on Christmas Eve. This annual candlelight service is a beautiful celebration of the Savior's birth. The Lord's Supper will be served as we remember His life and His death. 5:30PM. Open to the community.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Before the Christmas Eve Service, those who have lost loved ones in the previous year(s) are invited to a Memorial Service. Candles of remembrance will be lighted as we find hope for the days ahead in this sweet season. Open to the community. 4:45PM. Please contact the church office at 20.226.0363 to indicate your plan to participate.

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!