



# 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.

Don Guthrie, Pastor

- T. Don Guthrie**  
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- René De Alejandro**  
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- R. Bryan Richardson**  
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The world is too much with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;  
Little we see in Nature that is ours;  
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!  
This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon  
For this, for everything, we are out of tune."  
—William Wordsworth

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.  
*(Isaiah 55:7)*

### TODAY IN WORSHIP.

- 8:30 Early Service (Traditional), Don Guthrie, preaching
- 9:30 International Services (3 Services; Zomi at 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)

**"CHRISTMAS AT FIRST – LOST IN WONDER, LOVE, AND PRAISE".** The annual presentation of *Christmas at First* will continue tonight at 5:30 & 7:15. The choirs of FBCSA will be joined by members of our orchestra as well as several members of the San Antonio Symphony. No admission fee. No ticket required. Invite your family and neighbors.

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS.** On Christmas Eve, those who have lost loved ones to death are invited to a special and tender memorial before the Christmas Eve Service. A time for tears, a time for thankfulness. You will light a candle in memory of your loved one that will shine out our hope in Christ. 4:45 Christmas Eve. Please call Dawn to RSVP (210.226.0363 or 210.249.2521, direct; dawn@fbcsa.org).

**CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY.** A Time to Celebrate!  
Christmas Eve – 4:45, Memorial Service  
5:30, Candlelight Lord's Supper  
Christmas Day – 11:00, Worship (No Sunday School)  
12:00 noon, *Christmas at First* Broadcast, KSAT 12

**CHRISTMAS CARE FOOD DRIVE.** Families and/or small groups are still needed to deliver Christmas Care packages on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 am. Will you help? You can sign-up at [fbcsa.org/christmascare](http://fbcsa.org/christmascare).

**ADVENT CONCERT & LUNCH SERIES.** Tuesdays at noon. Concert and lunch (one hour). 12/13 – Duo Interchange; 12/20 – FBCSA Chamber Singers. Concert, free; lunch, \$5.00. Detailed info at [fbcsa.org/firstfinearts](http://fbcsa.org/firstfinearts)

**WINTER SERMON SERIES: "MARK".** In preparation for December 18, please read the *Re:Verse* scripture passage – Mark 3:20-35. You are also encouraged to read daily reflections from our Pastors on the *Re:Verse* scripture verse at [TheEverydayPrayer.com](http://TheEverydayPrayer.com).

## 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

Students:  6th grade     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

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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

"INVISIBLE"

T. DON GUTHRIE, PREACHING  
December 11, 2016 | 11:00 AM



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SAN ANTONIO

## Third Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship "Variations on MENDELSSOHN" arr. Linker

### HIS NAME

Call to Worship "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Forrest  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Scripture Reading Acts 13:32-33 Larry Soape

And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

Carol 77\* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Greet One Another Aaron Hufty

Welcome and Prayer Larry Soape

### HIS WORD

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

The Children's Message Advent Wreath - "Love" Don Guthrie

Anthem "Love Came Down at Christmas" Rutter  
*The Sanctuary Choir*

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star 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.

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:9 Aaron Hufty

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn 82\* "Emmanuel" MCGEE

Message "Invisible" Don Guthrie  
Mark 2:1-12

### OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Decision 139\* "At the Cross" HUDSON

Offertory "Rocking Carol" Goeller  
*Orchestra at First*

### HIS FAMILY

Life Together Don Guthrie

Welcome, New Members! Bryan Richardson

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

Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude "Voluntary on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Young

Seth Nelson Jennifer McLeod  
Organ Piano

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of 45 years of marriage by  
Geoff and Carol Greene.*

\*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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### Helpful Information for Christmas at First 2016

**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.

### 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!