



## INTERCESSION

### Pastoral Prayer and the 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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

### \*Song of Response

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

### \*Response

**Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Contemplative Prayer Hour.** Tomorrow at 10 am, Katie and Ryan Forsthoff will lead a quiet hour featuring guided silent prayer based on the reading of Scripture, as well as a brief reflection on the Sunday sermon. This prayer hour takes place every other Monday. All are welcome. More information at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org).

**Women's Ministry Advent Brunch in Two Weeks.** Join us for our annual Advent Brunch where we'll dive deep into each Advent candle's meaning and uncover the hope this season brings. Saturday, December 12 from 11 am until 1 pm at the home of Hattie Guidry. Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) for details and registration. \$10 per person. Childcare is not provided. Advent devotion at noon with an option to Zoom in and listen!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hail the Blest Morn.** Worship ministry is excited to present *Hail the Blest Morn: A Musical Celebration of the Incarnation* on Sunday, December 13 at 9 and 11 am. Through ancient texts and modern poetry and with various musical styles, we will bring together the many talents in our church to illuminate the great and wonderful mystery of the incarnation of our Lord.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders.** All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or [sherry@fpabr.org](mailto:sherry@fpabr.org)) to purchase a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary. \$35 each. Tuesday, December 14 is the deadline to place an order.

**Daily Advent Readings.** A suggested list of Advent readings is available in print, online or in the church app.

**Christmas Offering for City Ministry.** Our annual Christmas offering goes directly to support two of our key ministry partners, both of which are making possible meaningful, long-term transformation in our city: The Christian Outreach Center and Gardere Community Christian School. We receive this offering from December 13-27. Donations can be made by check (write Christmas Offering in the memo line) or online at [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org).

**Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads.** Items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

**Give Online.** Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email [prayer@fpabr.org](mailto:prayer@fpabr.org) if you have online giving questions.

**Scripture for Next Week:** Luke 2: 7

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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*Thank you for your patience as our perimeter construction will require that some entrances may be closed on certain days over the next few weeks.*



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## ORDER of WORSHIP

November 29, AD 2020

9 am

First Sunday of Advent



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

*Assisting with Worship: Darin Travis*

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Hope will be lit by Katelynn, Justin, Peyton and Olivia Cruice.

### \*Call to Worship

*From Micah 5*

O little town of Bethlehem you may seem insignificant among all the cities of Judah.

**Yet from you shall come forth the One who will be ruler of Israel. His origins are ancient, even from the days of eternity.**

This One will arise and lead his flock in the strength of the LORD.

**He will arise and be their shepherd by the sovereign authority of the LORD his God.**

Then his people will dwell secure, and the whole earth will know his true greatness.

**And he will be our peace.**

### \*Songs of Praise

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Your Love Awakens Me”

### \*Blessing God

### \*Song of Praise

“Jesus Messiah”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### \*Greeting and Announcements

*Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.*

*Please place your offering in the baskets as you exit worship today.*

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Luke 2: 1-7*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Micah 5: 2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

No one has ever seen God;  
**But the only God, who is at the Father's side,  
He has made him known (John 1: 18).**

### Sermon

Jim Solomon

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Time of Reflection

### Song of Response

“O Children Come”

### Scriptural Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and exalted LORD, we are reminded when we hear of the Messiah's birth that your ways are not our ways. Your coming to us was in a humble manner. You took the form of a servant. The irony is not lost on us. For we are a prideful, stiff-necked people. We want to be significant and assertive. We want to be served. We see humility as weakness. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for our dreaming and scheming for status. Turn our hearts to embrace the lowliness of the manger and the way of the cross. Then at your glorious return, we shall be raised up with you. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon