

Acolytes for today's service are StorieLane Whiteside and Jonathon Edwards.

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you will experience a meaningful time of worship. As your offering today, please complete a welcome card, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

All donations and contributions for 2014 must be turned into the church office today, **Sunday, December 28**. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 29.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the winter months. The collection box is located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School Classroom, and will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time it is full.

Refuge is sponsoring a mission to raise money for livestock through the Heifer International Program. Leave your donation in the offering plate or the church office. If you have questions, talk with Phillip Feagan or a Refuge youth. Refuge will appreciate your help.

Bible Study resumes **Wednesday, January 7 at 10am**. We will be using *Making Sense of the Bible--Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Bring a light dish and we'll share a meal afterward.

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are ready, and may be picked up today. The boxes are labeled and on the counter in the church kitchen.

Thanks to you for your generous offering last Sunday.

December 21, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 15,021	Heifer International	\$100
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,674	Food Pantry	\$218
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 331,629	Choir Fund	\$1800
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 340,374		

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First Baptist Church

December 28, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* -Lani Smith

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

**but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

Let us celebrate the Light of the world,
for upon us has the Light shined.

Invocation Jack Fox

†Hymn of Praise 94 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 656) Jeff Harris

Children's Time Candace Wilson
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

Responsive Reading Psalm 148 Alex Tapp

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

New Testament Reading Galatians 4:4-7 (p. 179) Candace Wilson

Prayers of the People Jeff Harris

The Lord's Prayer (sung) AWAY IN A MANGER

Our Creator in heaven all praise to Your Name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone.
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near,
From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign
And yours is the power, all things You sustain.
To you be the glory, resounding again.
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

†Hymn of Dedication 79 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* FOREST GREEN

Offertory Prayer Sadie McKaig

Offertory and Meditation *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* -arr. Tom Fettke

†Doxology 100 (Refrain) *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* GLORIA

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40 (p. 58) Jeff Harris

The Christmas Story in Song

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

Carol 102 *The Birthday of a King* NEIDLINGER

Carol 118 *What Child is This* GREENSLEEVES

Meditation Jeff Harris

Carol Requests

†Hymn of Response 95 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines*
(Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines. Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines.)

Postlude *Brightest and Best* -John Rasley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 28	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, December 29	All day	Church office closed
Wednesday, December 31	9:00 am	Office hours – 9am-1pm
Thursday, January 1	All day	Office Closed – Happy New Year!
Sunday, January 4	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, January 5	7:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 6	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
Wednesday, January 7	10:00 am	Bible Study – Activity Building
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
