

**You Are Invited!**

Join us for Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 17** - Third Sunday of Advent

Business Meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Music by Band of Light

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24** - 10:15 AM and 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Services

10:15 AM - Holy Communion; Music by Sanctuary Choir

5:30 PM - Lessons and Carols with Hymns in Candlelight

**SUNDAY, DEC. 31** - New Year's Eve Service

Music by Jeff McKelvie, trumpet

**Stewardship Note**

Please return your 2024 pledge card as soon as possible and attend the church business meeting on ***Sunday, December 17th at 10:05 a.m.*** to vote on the proposed 2024 budget as well as the Bylaws revision. Copies of the budget and Bylaws are on the hallway table.

**Choir Christmas Party**

The Sanctuary Choir Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6pm at the home of Sandee & Leonard Harmon, 4716 Ironwood, Cedar Falls. Please bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share.

**Ornaments In Memory**

During the Advent season, you are invited to put an ornament on the sanctuary Christmas tree in memory of someone.

The church office will be closed

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Monday, January 1, 2024.

Please contact Pastor Jon at 774-994-3180 for all pastoral care concerns.

December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

*Canticle of Joy*  
(A Cantata for Christmas)



Presented by the  
First Baptist, First Congregational UCC,  
& First United Methodist Choirs  
with Children's Choir and  
Instrumental Ensemble

**Welcome to First Baptist Church**

*Rev. Jonathan Singer - Pastor*

*Rev. Carol Teare - Minister of Music*

*Susan Price - Office Administrator*

*Dr. Randall Harlow - Organist/Accompanist*

*Dr. Melody Steed - Children's Choir Director*

*Candace Newman - Children's Ministries Director*

*First Baptist Church*

*434 Baltimore Street*

*Waterloo, Iowa 50701*

*319-234-1537*

**First Baptist Church**  
December 10, 2023 10:15 a.m.

**Prelude** *Prelude in E flat Major* - J.S. Bach Dr. Randall Harlow

**Welcome and News of the Church** Rev. Jonathan Singer

**Call to Worship**

Leader: With celebration and song we hear the call of Christmas anew this morning!

**People: Awake and sing “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” as the angel choirs did over Bethlehem. Worship Christ our coming King!**

Leader: Let the music of Christmas reawaken the promise of God’s presence and love in our lives.

**People: Remind us, Lord Jesus, that our faith is a song worth singing—a canticle of joy that is made all the more glorious when it is shared.**

**ALL: Arise, shine! For your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

**\*Opening Carol** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #185

**Advent Candle Lighting: Peace** Sue & Steve Harty

In the settle and stir of a burnt-orange sunrise, in the lilting laughter or memory of a table full of friends, in the flash of clarity that turns on the light of insight and leads us towards wisdom, we find the peace that passes all understanding.

But there are things we need to understand. Help us hear you in the stories of those who struggle. Peace is what the prophets foretold. Peace is what is sacrificed when profit takes precedence.

We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to stand up for it. In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace. Like the wise called to journey in those early dawning days, may we seek, strive, search for peace. Like the prophets old and new, may we cry out for its coming.

**ALL: We light a candle for peace. May it light the way.**

**Children’s Choir Anthem** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* - J. Jacobson  
Celebration Choir; Dr. Melody Steed, Director

**Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Hojin Shin

**Carol** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* #191

**Canticle of Joy** - by Joseph M. Martin; Narration by Pamela Martin  
(see insert)

**\*Blessing** Rev. Carol Teare

**\*Postlude** *Fugue in E flat Major* - J.S. Bach Dr. Harlow

(\*congregation stand if you are able)

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**We will have offering plates at the hall doorways marked for all three of the churches.**

**Please join us for Yuletide Blessings, Bites and Hors D’oeuvres In the social room on the lower level following the cantata.**

**Elevators are located at the end of the hallway.**

*Canticle of Joy (A Cantata for Christmas)*

Presented by;

The Choirs of First Baptist, First Congregational UCC,

and First United Methodist Churches

with Instrumental Ensemble

Narrators - Maia Forssberg, Greg Holt,

Max Lange, Kathy McFarland

Directors - Emily Forssberg, Luke Overton, Rev. Carol Teare

*A Call to Christmas*.....soloist, Joley Seitz

*Prepare!*.....choir

*Could This Be the Day?*.....choir

*Interlude I*.....soloist, Luke Overton

*Songs of The Promise*.....choir & soloist, Emily Forssberg

*Interlude II*.....soloist, Ellie Gavin

*Carols of the Manger*.....choir

*Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)* - arr. C. Courtney.....choir & soloist,  
Sophie Lange

*Awake! Sing Gloria*.....choir

*Interlude III*.....soloist, Vicki Hembree

*We Are His Gold*.....choir

*Carol of the Faithful*.....choir with congregation (see below)

*Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning.*

*Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;*

*O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

**Instrumentalists:**

Violin - Cara Lockard, Esther Shin

Flute - Anne Lange

Oboe - Trenton Washburn

Trombone - Jason Andriano

Organ/Piano - Melody Steed and Randall Harlow

Cello - Jesse Luke

Clarinet - Anna Rogers

Trumpet - Jeff McKelvie

Percussion - Sue and Dan Hummel

**First Baptist Choir:**

Rick Anderson

Terri Anderson

Bryce Anderson

Julia Baldwin

Debbie Drewes

Julie Fleming

Jim Girres

Linda Hammar

Sandee Harmon

Vicki Hembree

Don Huff

Chris Iehl

Kent Isaacson

Debra Isaacson

Bob Jenkins

Anne Lange

Sophie Lange

Beverly McCusker

Jeff McKelvie

Clare Palmer

Susan Price

Dave Schlette

Jonathan Singer

Sara Singer

Kristin Stanford

Melody Steed

Susannah Stiles

Marcia Street

Toby Teare

Judy Thompson

**First United Methodist:**

Leah Allen

Sam Anderson

Gary Brown

Jessica Crouch

Larry Dodge

Diane Golden

Prudy Klinger

Lynn Kloberdanz

Joan Mattson

Kent Opheim

Linda Sharp

Mike Sherman

Hojin Shin

Ollie Thurman

Thom Weintraut

**First Congregational UCC:**

Bob Brock

Pat Brock

Seth Chronister

Ellie Gavin

Paul Greene

Cliff Highnam

Anne Hoekstra

Kay Leary

John Mardis

Joley Seitz

Trenton Washburn



## Christmas 2023



### Poinsettia Plants and/or Memorial Gifts to the Benevolent Fund

Martha Everman	In memory of Yeoman & Erma Cowlshaw
Martha Everman & Esther Case	In memory of Bob & Mary Platt
Steve & Sue Harty	In memory of our parents
Vicki Hembree	In memory of Elwood & Helen Lindquist In memory of Roger Hembree
Ann Henning	In memory of Belinda & Gerry Graves
Greg, Wanda & Dakota Hoepner	In memory of Vern & Laura Hoepner
Diane & Chris Iehl	In memory of Ami & Traci Iehl In honor of Heidi, Spenser & Sully Gruis & Jon Iehl
Patty & Bob Jenkins	In memory of Dick & Rachael Jenkins & Wally Ernst In honor of Darlene Ernst
Margaret Kauten	In memory of Philip Kauten, Jr., Walter Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Graves, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Graves In honor of Winnie Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Edd Kauten, Austin Kauten, Eric & Casey Lund
Fran Lemper	In memory of Frank Lemper
Debby McClinton	In memory of Kymberlee Price
Paula Nielsen	In memory of Larry Nielsen & Brad Nielsen

Clare & David Palmer	In memory of Marlene Bown In memory of Helen Cheever
Susan & Dwayne Price	In memory of Clovis & Waynell Price & Richard E. Bauer
Gwen Ramsey	In memory of Don & Inez Thomson
Bobbi Jo Schaffnit	In memory of Roma Jean (mom) In memory of Pat Crabtree (aunt)
Randy Schmitz	In memory of Donna Schmitz
Kristin & Jason Stanford	In honor of our parents
Marcia Street	In memory of husband, Harold & parents, Harold & Lois
Carol & Toby Teare	In memory of Jean & Bill Nelson
Judy Thompson, Wanda, Greg & Dakota Hoepner	In memory of Gene Thompson
Judy Thompson, Wanda, Greg, & Dakota Hoepner	In memory of Harold & Dorothy Weber and Dean Weber
Dianne & Gene Van Gorder	In memory of our parents
Jean Vaux	In memory of Merle & Fritzie Miller In memory of Jenny & Irene Vaux
Karl & Lizzie Zondo	In memory of Karl's dad, JB Zondo