



Buechel Park Baptist Church

*We are an inclusive community of faith
rooted in the love of Jesus Christ
growing, serving, and transforming lives.*

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

Choral Introit

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Erica Whitaker

Prelude

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
God Rest You Merry, Christians All
Douglas E. Wagner

Handbell Choir

*During the prelude, you are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Use this time to prepare for worship, and allow the Spirit to refresh you.*

Call to Worship

John 1:1-5

Judy Yates

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

*Hymn of Praise

People, Look East
BESANCON

Number 90

Anthem

Come, Child of Light
Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Candle lighters: Tiffany Rozier & Wilson Minter

Prayers of the People

Erica Whitaker

Prayer of Confession

**The Lord is near.
In your presence, Holy God,
we confess that we need repentance.
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise.
For the sake of the One who proclaims the good news
and for the sake of all the world. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

In the name of the one God
who lives and moves among us,
you are forgiven.
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you.
Do not worry. Live in peace.

*Hymn of Prayer

O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

Number 107

*Offertory Prayer

(Please stand, if able, for the offertory prayer)

Joyce Bell

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Diane Bish

Shelley Shumate

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Away in a Manger**Silent Night*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child!
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

Children's Church is offered today for children ages 4 - 3rd grade.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

David Lynch

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Being Light to the Fearful

Erica Whitaker

Anthem

Amid the Winter's Snow

Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

*See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
 See the gentle Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
 Hail that ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
 Sing through all Jerusalem; Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Say, you holy shepherds, say, tell your joyous news today.
Why have you now left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?
Hail that ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem; Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*"As we watched at dead of night, there appeared a wondrous light;
Angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Savior's birth."
Hail that ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem; Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Choral Benediction and Blessing

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
HOUSTON

*I want to walk as a Child of the Light: I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart Lord Jesus.*

Postlude

Canticle of Joy
J.S. Bach

Shelley Shumate



The Christmas Nativity

Soloists: Serenity Fentress, Ezra Klausing, Wilson Minter

Narrators: Mary Jane Montague, Jack Rohleder

Mary: Lexi Bixner Joseph: Alex Bixner

Shepherds: Weld Conley, Isaac Hicks, Kyran Kennedy, Ezra Klausing,
Wilson Minter, Jack Shumate, Luke Turpin, Liam Watson

Angels: Serenity Fentress, Kayla Shumate

Children's Choir & Handbells Director: Peggy Foskett

Children's Choir & Handbells Assistant: Rachel Shumate

Prayers of the People

Church Members

Hermania Bates
Carrie Bearden
Carol Brown
David and Shirley Brown
Dakota DeMatteo
Randy Gibson
Naomi Gravil
Gordon Hoeft
Judy Jackman
Norma Pontrich
Bobbie Sparks

Friends and Family

Jim Carlson, Michael Hite's friend
Dan Clarke, Sara Turpin's father
Anthony Draper, Judy Jackman's son
Bud Draper, Judy Jackman's grandson
Naomi Hambrugy, Judy Jackman's cousin
Mary Hopper, Michael Hite's friend
Gary King, Julia Lynch's brother
Ann Lozar, Ruth Sergent's sister
Eric Murphy, Mike Murphy's cousin
Sharon Perkins, Nancye Thomas' friend
Axie Reasor, Susan Rohleder's cousin
Delcina Todd, Judy Jackman's niece
Harold, Wahking, Sarah Condron's brother

<p>Oujda Parish, Our Morocco Partner Church</p>

Deceased

Thomissa Hazlett
Wava Mullins
Bill Edwards, Helen Edwards' husband

Announcements

Today:

5:00 pm, Jingle & Mingle Extravaganza
7:00 pm, Sacred Sundays @ Krazy Dave's

Jingle & Mingle Extravaganza—Tonight!

Just a reminder, please pre-cut your dessert! Please bring any hot items in either a crockpot or other means to keep the dish warm. And, *please* take your leftovers home!

Coming up on Wednesday Evening

We will be joining our neighbor church for (provided) dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by worship that will include both choirs at 7:00 pm. All activities will be held at Buechel United Methodist Church. No activities this evening at BPBC.

Youth Christmas Party, Dec. 21

RSVP to Pastor Sara, so she'll know if you will be attending the party that begins at 6:00 pm, in the Youth Suite.

Churchwide Winter Retreat: Living Mindfully in a Maddening World Saturday, January 19, Mt. St. Francis, IN

Sign up by January 6. \$15 per person (all ages) includes transportation to and from BPBC and lunch.

Eat, Pray, Share - January Bible Studies

Sign up to participate in small groups for a meal, a time of prayer and sharing life and faith together. Opportunities to gather include:

- 6 pm, Sundays @ Krazy Dave's,
- 6 pm, Wednesdays @ BPBC
- Noon, Thursdays @ BPBC.

Would you be interested in hosting another night in your home?

Schedule Changes due to Holidays

Church Office/Building, Closed, Dec. 25, 2018-Jan. 1, 2019
Parents Day Out, Closed, Dec. 24, 2018-Jan. 6, 2019
Senior Nutrition, Closed on Dec. 24-25, 2018 and Jan. 1, 2019
Senior Fitness resumes on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019.
Karate, closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
AA/Al-Anon, closed Dec. 25.

This Week at Buechel Park

Today - 16

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Ray of Hope International
Worship 12:30-5:00 pm
Jingle & Mingle
Extravaganza 5:00 pm
Sacred Sundays at
Krazy Dave's 7:00 pm

Monday - 17

Parents Day Out 9:30 am
Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Threads and Things 2:00 pm

Tuesday - 18

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Karate 7:00 pm
AA & Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Wednesday - 19

Parents Day Out 9:30 am
Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Dinner 6:00 pm
Worship 7:00 pm
Both at Buechel United
Methodist Church

Thursday - 20

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Brown Bag Lunch 11:30 am
Bible Study Noon
Karate 7:00 pm

Friday - 21

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Youth Christmas party 6:00-9:00 pm

FOR THE RECORD Financial Report

Monthly Giving Needed	\$29,303
November 2018 Giving	\$25,051
Year-to-Date Giving	\$69,098

Attendance - Dec. 9, 2018
Sunday School: 59
Worship: 122

SERVANTS IN ACTION

Deacons for December:

Joyce Bell, Jim Carter, John Condron,
Tom Rohleder

Bus Drivers:

David Beverly (today)
Josh Whitaker(Dec. 23)

Nursery:

Laura Albovias (today)
Marian Arnold (Dec. 23)

Children's Church:

Devon Conley & Ann Jones (today)
N/A (Holiday weekend)

Welcome to Buechel Park Baptist Church

How to Join our Church

If you wish to join this congregation, simply come forward during the Hymn of Response and speak to our pastor about your decision. Or you also may also talk to any ministerial staff member or church member after the service. We receive members by profession of faith and baptism, transfer of letter, statement, or watchcare.

Children

Nursery is provided for ages 3 and younger. Ages 4 - 3rd grade join us for worship, but are often dismissed after the Children's Moment for Children's Church. Worship resources are available in the narthex.

For more information

For more information about our church, please visit the narthex in the back of the sanctuary or you may speak with any of our ministers or members after worship. Find us online at www.bpbaptist.org and like us on Facebook.

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Church Office Hours:	Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-Noon & 1:00-5:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am-Noon
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