



Buechel Park Baptist Church

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

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

Choral Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Chancel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

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

Prelude *For Unto Us a Child is Born* Shelley Shumate
G.F. Handel

*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 David Lindsay

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 *Love Came Down at Christmas* Number 147
GARTAN

Anthem

Come, Child of Light
Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir
with Sara Turpin, flute

Candle lighter: David Triplett

Prayers of the People

Sara Turpin

Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we ask for mercy.
Though we have heard Mary's song,
we still seek security in pride and power and possessions.
Help us work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, God is for us and not against us.
For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Hymn of Prayer

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
HYFRYDOL

Number 83

*Offertory Prayer

Carrie Bearden

Offertory

My Grown-Up Christmas List
Mark Hayes

Tom White

*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.*

*Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-56

Jessica Jenkins

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Being the Light to the Lowly

Erica Whitaker

Anthem

Bring Us Hope
Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir

Bring us hope, bring us love; bring us peace from above.

Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above.

Bring us hope, bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away.

Bring us light, turn our night into day.

Hope to replace our hopelessness,

love to refill our emptiness,

peace in the midst of our distress;

oh, how we need Your joy!

*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 start 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

Song of the Stable
David Haas

Tom White



Prayers of the People

Church Members

Carol Brown
David and Shirley Brown
Naomi Gravit
Anna Belle Hite
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 Hamurgey, Judy Jackman's cousin
Mary Hopper, Michael Hite's friend
Gary King, Julia Lynch's brother
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

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



Schedule Changes due to Holidays

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

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?

Mark Your Calendars for January 6, 2019 Meetings:

1 pm, Church Council

2 pm, Steering Council

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.

This Week at Buechel Park

Today - 23

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Ray of Hope International
Worship 12:30-5:00 pm
Sacred Sundays at
Krazy Dave's 6:00 pm

Monday - 24

Candlelight & Communion
Worship 5:00 pm

Tuesday - 25



Wednesday - 26

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am

Thursday - 27

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am
Karate 7:00 pm

Friday - 28

Senior Nutrition Program 9:30 am

FOR THE RECORD Financial Report

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| Monthly Giving Needed | \$29,303 |
| November 2018 Giving | \$25,051 |
| Year-to-Date Giving | \$77,800 |

Attendance - Dec. 16, 2018

Sunday School: 65
Worship: 141

SERVANTS IN ACTION

Deacons for December:

Joyce Bell, Jim Carter, John Condron,
Tom Rohleder

Bus Drivers:

Josh Whitaker (today)
JC Thurman (Dec. 30)

Nursery:

Marian Arnold (today)
Sondra Murphy (Dec. 30)

Children's Church:

N/A (Holiday weekend)
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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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Tom White

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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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