

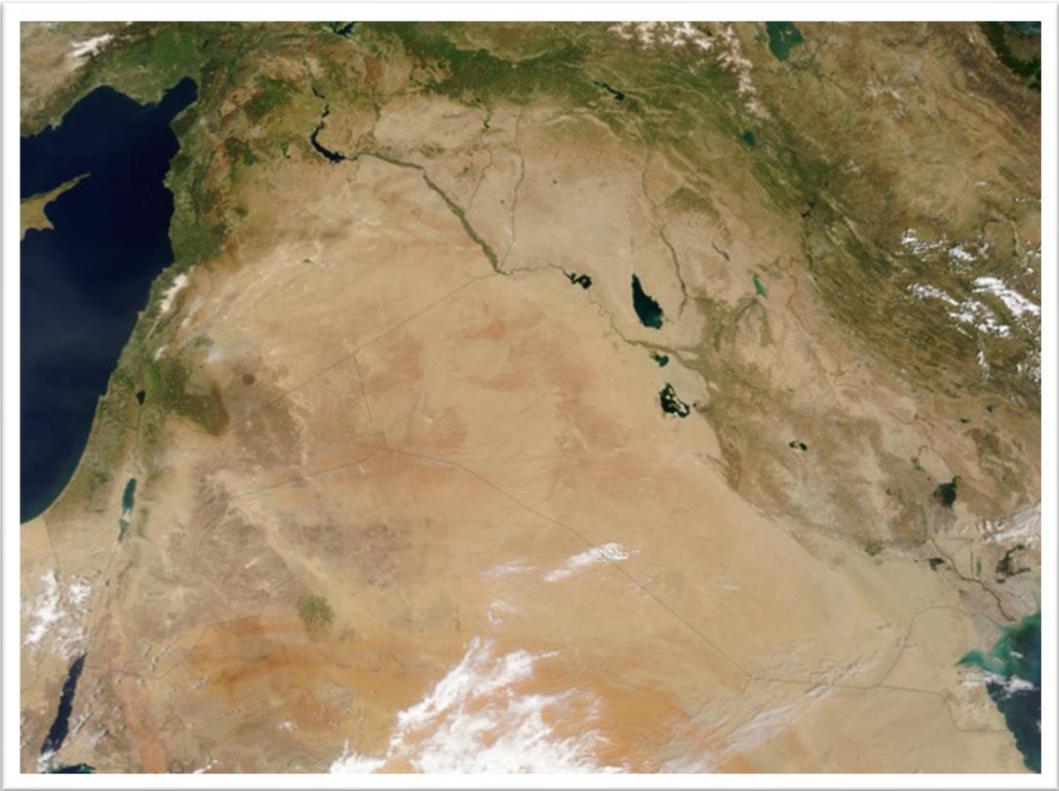
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The logo for Third Baptist Church features a stylized cross symbol on the left, composed of red and blue lines. To the right of the cross, the word "Third" is written in a blue, cursive font, "Baptist" is in a blue, sans-serif font, and "CHURCH" is in a red, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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January 3, 2021  
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### Suggestions for Worship

\* denotes that members of the congregation may rise in body or spirit

Musical elements are offered to aid and encourage prayerful reflection.

Please maintain physical distance between other members of the congregation. Families should sit together in the upper level. Individuals may sit where indicated by a red sticker. Face masks must be worn at all times.

Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noisemaking devices.

### Prayer List

#### NURSING CARE AND REHAB FACILITIES

Jeanene Moritz, Care Center at Breeze Park, Weldon Springs, MO  
Betty Swyers, Mother of Good Counsel Home, Saint Louis, MO  
Margaret Warman, Twin Oaks Estate, O'Fallon, MO

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Robin Bailey	Carl Moritz
Fran Blake	Sondra Novelle-Lay
Carl Burton, Ella Banks' brother	Betty Phillips, Steve Phillips' mother
Caitlyn Brashear's fiancé's mother Kim Mahera	Drew, Dani, and Julius Phillips
Arnold Driesner, Natalie Thiems' father	Steve Phillips
Mona Harrison's sister Zeporah	Dennis and Nancy Reinard
Nada Granberry, Maria Bradford's mother	Howard Roos
Dea Hoover's Mother and Sister	Brian Sauer, Alice Worrell's nephew
Declan Hoover	Ruth Simons, Pastor's mother
Karen King's mother	Lynn Spencer
Rob and Tammy Lamb	Karen Stewart

Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

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Prelude

Lansin Lim Kimler

***J.S. Bach: Overture from the Christmas Oratorio***

Bach (1685 – 1750) wrote three oratorios describing the birth, life and ascension of Christ; the first is the most complex and was completed in 1734. Such oratorios offered the congregation a novel and emotionally charged account of a story they knew so well. For the faithful in church, this assumed the dramatic power of opera in a theater.

Welcome

Dr. Tommy Simons

\*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology

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

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## The Lord's Table

Words of Invitation: The Bread

Hymn of Communion

ARFON

*Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855): Bread of Heaven*

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thou art our food indeed.  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living Bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of Christ who died.

Words of Invitation: The Cup

Hymn of Communion

ARFON

*Josiah Conder, author of the first "Congregational Hymn Book"*

Vine of heaven, Thy precious blood  
Seals today our peace with God;  
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give;  
To Thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted built in Thee.

Closing Words for the completion of Communion

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Poem: *After Communion*

by Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

Philip Barnes

Why should I call Thee Lord, Who art my God?  
Why should I call Thee Friend, Who art my Love?  
Or King, Who art my very Spouse above?  
Or call Thy Sceptre on my heart Thy rod?  
Lo, now Thy banner over me is love,  
All heaven flies open to me at Thy nod:  
For Thou hast lit Thy flame in me a clod,  
Made me a nest for dwelling of Thy Dove.  
What wilt Thou call me in our home above,  
Who now hast called me friend? how will it be  
When Thou for good wine settest forth the best?  
Now Thou dost bid me come and sup with Thee,  
Now Thou dost make me lean upon Thy breast:  
How will it be with me in time of love?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1–2

Ron Littlejohn

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

Brent Johnson

*Keith Chapman: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Here is one of the most beloved Polish carols, arranged by an American organist whose life was cut tragically short (aged 43) by a plane crash in 1989. Chapman at only 20 years old had been appointed Organist of the Wanamaker Store organ – the largest playable instrument of its type in the world. He combined this with posts at two Philadelphia churches and a Reform Jewish synagogue.

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## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Drew Phillips

## Anthem

Nathan Brown

### *Benjamin Britten: A New Year's Carol*

An arrangement of a Welsh folk song, sung by children who sprinkle passers-by with fresh water drops and ask for food and gifts, to begin the new year auspiciously. The refrain refers to Holy Communion, the strings of David's harp, and the trumpets that announce Christ's Return. Britten (1913 – 1976) was one of England's greatest composers of the last century, particularly admired for his vocal music, from operas to simple songs like today's selection.

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.

*Refrain: Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.  
*Refrain.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.  
*Refrain.*

## Sermon

Dr. Tommy Simons

*The Magi's Journey to Bethlehem*

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Hymn of Invitation & Declaration  
*The Old Year Now Away is Fled*

GREENSLEEVES

The old year now away is fled,  
The new year now is entered;  
Then let us all our sins down-tread,  
And joyfully all appear.  
Merry be the holiday,  
And let us run with sport and play,  
Hang sorrow, cast care away,  
God send you a merry New Year!

And now with New-Year's gifts each friend  
Unto each other they do send;  
God grant we may our lives amend,  
And that the truth may appear.  
Like the snake, cast off your skin  
Of evil thoughts and wicked sin,  
To amend this new year begin:  
God send us a merry New Year!

Benediction

Dr. Tommy Simons

Postlude

Lansin Lim Kimler and Brent Johnson

*Charles Callahan: Christmas Fantasy*

Since we are still in the season of Christmas – the Three Kings will not arrive before Wednesday! – let's enjoy some more beloved carols: see if you can identify the six tunes Callahan weaves together in this compilation. Like Keith Chapman before him, Callahan (b. 1951) studied at the Curtis Institute before establishing a career as a recitalist.

## Calendar for January 3 - 10

### Sunday, January 3

- 11:00 AM      Worship, Sanctuary, Online via Facebook and YouTube  
4:00 PM      Godly Play for Children via Zoom

### Wednesday, January 6

- 10:30 AM      Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM      Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom  
6:00 PM      Youth Group via Zoom

### Sunday, January 10

- 9:30 AM      Innovations Committee  
11:00 AM      Worship, Sanctuary, Online via Facebook and YouTube  
3:00 PM      Chamber Chorus Presentation  
4:00 PM      Godly Play for Children via Zoom

### Pastoral and Music Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor ([tsimons@third-baptist.org](mailto:tsimons@third-baptist.org))

Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families

Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music

Brent Johnson, Organist

Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

