

This Week at Ravensworth

Today, Sunday, December 15

9:30am Friendship Class, Library
9:30am Preschool Childcare Opens
9:45am Genesis Class, Room 134 & Zoom
9:45am Moore Class, Rm. 133
9:45am RBC Kids & Youth, Rm. 132
11am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream
7pm Philippians Class, Zoom

Tuesday, December 17

10:30am Bible Study, Zoom
7pm Missions Commission, Zoom

Wednesday, December 18

7pm Christmas Carol Sing-Along for
all Ages, Fellowship Room

Next Sunday, December 22

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9:30am Preschool Childcare Opens
9:45am Genesis Class, Room 134 & Zoom
9:45am Moore Class, Rm. 133
9:45am RBC Kids & Youth, Rm. 132
11am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream
7pm Philippians Class, Zoom

NOTE: Sunday, December 29

Worship is online only. The building will be closed.

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Visitors, we are grateful you decided to worship with us today. Please scan this code to send your info to Pastor Leah and the Outreach Team, or take a packet from the Narthex. We'd love to connect you to our ministries and Faith Formation groups.



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Staff Updates

The Church office is closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1. Staff will work remotely and intermittently.

April is away and unreachable Dec 28-Jan 2.

Prayer Requests

can be made by scanning this QR code or filling out the notecard in the Narthex. The request is seen only by Pastor Leah. You can choose who else can be alerted to the request, such as the congregation.



There are numerous ways to contribute to RBC, including via the offering plate, sending via mail to RBC's office, by texting RBCGIVE to the number 73256, or scanning this QR code to give via Realm.



Ravensworth

BAPTIST CHURCH

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An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service. "Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Third Sunday of Advent

11am December 15, 2024



The Good that is Yours by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

At the center of this quilt square collage, a pinwheel of fire spins. It represents the Holy Spirit impelling the world to turn. Surrounding it are four petal shapes that bloom like a flower. They are each filled with branches of fruit. When we align ourselves with the movement of the Spirit, we can do the good that is ours to do. Our actions can bear good fruit. From each cardinal direction, a triangle of Holy Spirit fire faces inward, pointing us to baptism and transformation. When we do the good that is ours to do, we bear good fruit—fruit that repairs and nourishes, fruit that grows into the four corners of the earth.

The Worship of God

"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you." Psalm 63:1

Call to Worship

Jose Rullan-Rodriguez

They will know we are Christians by our Love

By our Love

They will know we are Christians

by our love

By our love

They will know we are Christians

By our love

"Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

If you have two shirts, give one away.

Hold onto hope.

Live like we belong to one another.

Speak the truth.

Look for God.

Do the good that is yours to do.

It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

***Hymn No. 148** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Choir verse 1

ADESTES FIDELES

Congregation verses 2&4

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?

Where do we start?

Let us start small. Let us begin with what is right in front of us. Let us do the good that is ours to do, and let us do it with joy!

Yes, let us begin with joy. Today we light the candles of hope, peace, and joy.

May these lights remind us of what could be.

May these lights inspire action.

May the warmth of these lights fill us with joy. May it be so!

*Morning Prayer

Jose Rullan-Rodriguez

Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

Invitation to Give & Serve

Jose Rullan-Rodriguez

During the musical message, the ushers will come forward and pass the offering plates. For other ways to give, please see the back of this bulletin.

Musical Message

Were You There on That Christmas Night RBC Choir

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Leah Davis

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

How Do You Begin?

Ben Wilkins

*Lesson from the Gospels, Luke 3:7-16

Leah Davis

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

At this time children may go to the Library for Storytime. Caregivers will pick up their children from the Library promptly after Worship service.

Sermon

Words for the Beginning: Do the Good That is Yours to Do Leah Davis

*Hymn No. 452

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*Benediction

Harvest, by Sarah A. Speed

Lindsay Latham

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

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