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Submit articles or event information for announcements by Tuesday at 4:00pm to editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org. Articles for the monthly newsletter, the Spire, by the 20th of the month.



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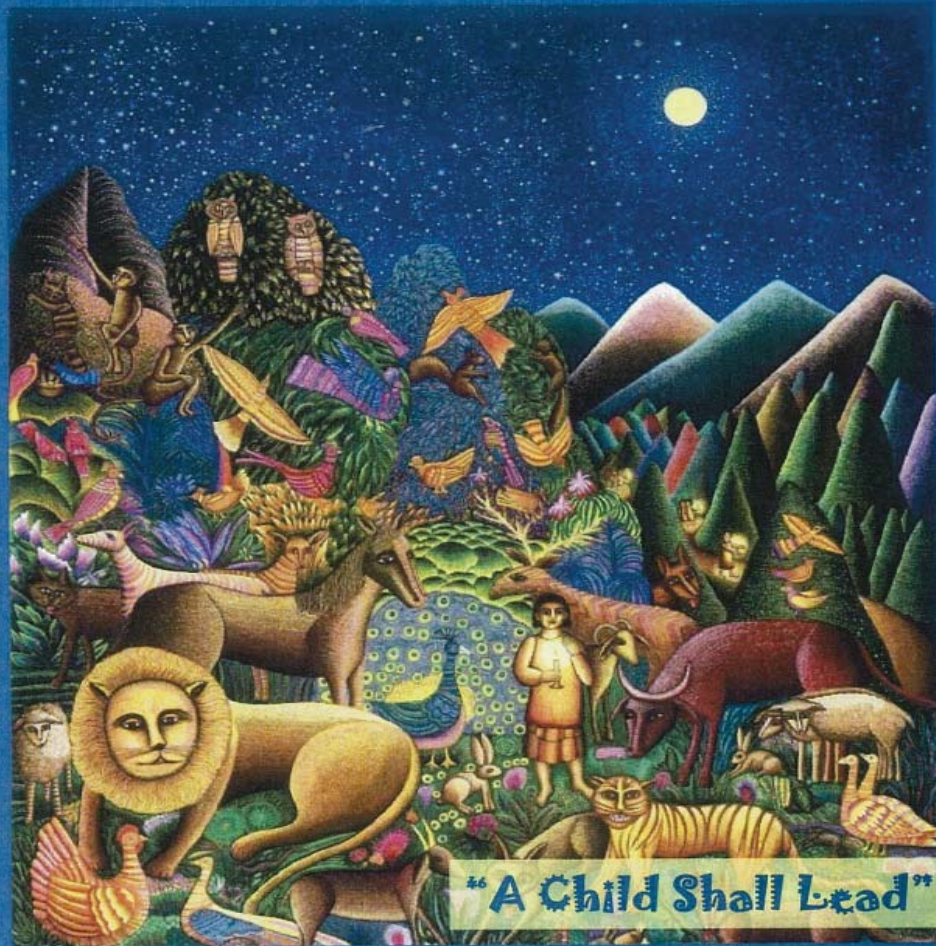
The Season of Stewardship

Sunday, November 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center and Seattle First Baptist Church invite you to an
ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER



The Peaceable Kingdom by John August Swanson. Used with permission.

"A Child Shall Lead"

This Advent, ponder what it might mean for you to follow the lead of a child

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Seattle First Baptist Church (1111 Harvard Ave)



PRESENTERS

Rev. Anita Peebles &
Rev. Trung Pham, S.J.

Free parking &
Free will offering.

RSVP appreciated at www.ignatiancenter.org



Christmas Caroling & Games

**SFBC FAMILIES
& HILLTOP HOUSE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

1:00 - 2:30

ABW Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale!



Sunday, November 24th

following Worship in Fellowship Hall

All monies received will go to support our denomination's missionaries (now called "Global Servants"). If you would like to help us support our missionaries, we would appreciate your homemade goodies and/or your purchases.

Cakes, Pies, Brownies, Cookies, Muffins, Bread, & Cupcakes!

Buy and enjoy!

Children are always welcome in Worship.

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. We offer a Worship Adventure Book with activities and coloring pages related to today's worship. We also provide a professionally-staffed nursery on the lower level. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

For families who prefer to worship together in a more informal setting, the service may be seen and heard in the Wiggle Room (aka Brawley Room) adjacent to the sanctuary.

Children (5th grade and below) who would like to attend Sunday School may join our Godly Play group following the Time with Children.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



As we prepare for worship, please consider the lesson for today from Revelation 21.1-5: 21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Prelude *Ellyllon* by H.A. Stamm David Horton, organ
Ellyllon is the Welsh folklore name for mystical creatures such as elves and fairies. "*In shape no bigger than agate-stone. On the forefinger of an alderman.*" -Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Sc. 4

Gathering Patricia L. Hunter

***Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #593

Welcoming One Another Anita Peebles

A Time with Children
Children in kindergarten to 5th grade may leave for Godly Play.

**Invitations to Involvement
& Call to Giving** Tim Phillips

Offertory *Jamaican Dance No. 2* by O. Russell from
Vol. III of Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora

***If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.**

Invitation to Prayer

Patricia L. Hunter

Prayer Hymn

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

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Prayer

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit - arr. Rollo Dilworth

The Sanctuary Choir

Introduction of the Preacher and Lesson for the Day

Tim Phillips

Preparation Hymn (remain seated)

Create Us New

We lift our hearts, we bring our lives,
Just as we are, without disguise,
O Spirit come, create us new,
That we may walk in peace with you.

Sermon

Unfinished Business

Rev. James Stallings

*Closing Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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*Blessing

Rev. James Stallings

Postlude

Everytime I Feel the Spirit arr. by D. Kidwell

David Horton

*While it is our tradition to sit for the postlude, you are invited to leave as you wish.
Please do join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.
If you are new to us, please visit the Welcome Table.*



Notes for Today's Worship: We are grateful today for our sisters and brothers at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and for the preaching leadership of the **Rev. James Stallings**, interim Senior Minister of Mt. Zion Church. Rev. Stallings is a retired Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches in Metro New York, a major leader in our American Baptist Churches USA, and a member of New York City's historic, multi-racial, and multi-denominational Riverside Church. **We welcome Rev. Stallings as we continue our celebration of 150 years of partnership of community and mission.**

TODAY

12:00pm Heritage Room Open
12:00pm Long Range Planning Team Meeting in Peacemaker
12:15-12:45pm Community Nurse hours
12:30pm SFBC Music Commission in Fridell
1:30pm - *the final* Young Adult Bible Study (Apocalypse What?!) at Optimism Brewing

Special Announcements



River Flow

Attuned to both receiving and letting go, the river has been a quiet witness of grace and transformation, inspiring many an artist and calming many a sojourner. Be inspired by the artwork in the Grunewald Guild's River Flow Traveling Art Exhibit located in the hallway behind the sanctuary through November. The River Flow works of art are visually diverse, including paintings, ceramics, calligraphy, textiles, photography, and more. Exhibiting artists were chosen from among the faculty and resident artists at the Grunewald Guild, an arts education nonprofit retreat center nestled in the Plain Valley of Washington state. *Visit the exhibit on Sunday Mornings from 9:30-12:30 or by contacting darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org*

Wednesday, November 20 New Dawn Guatemala Dinner 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Join us for a special "thank you" presentation by New Dawn Guatemala. This Seattle-based nonprofit received funding from our congregation in 2018 through the Outreach Commission. New Dawn board members, including our own **Heidi Toppel**, will report on their trip to Nuevo Amanecer (New Dawn), Guatemala in July and the ways our financial contribution has supported the community. Heidi will also tell us about a profound experience of sharing faith journeys with some of the people of Nuevo Amanecer. **We will meet in the Parlor** after the Community Dinner in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Heidi through the church office.

Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30am Adult Education -Pastor Anita Peebles will lead Bible study, using the text from Matthew 15, the Syrophenician woman.

9:30am Contemplative Practice - Join us in a time of quiet to rest in the presence of each other and the Spirit. In Fridell

10:15am Family Fellowship Breakfast

11:00am Sunday Worship - Pastor Patricia L. Hunter to preach on Philippians 4.4-9.

12:15-12:45pm Community Nurse hours

12:30pm SFBC Mens Group in Peacemaker

12:30pm Hanging of the Greens

Immediately following the service ABW Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving Day! Thursday, November 28th *Gobble gobble*

Office closed on Friday, November 29th

Coming in December

12/4 Wednesday, Advent Evening of Prayer with Ignatian Spirituality Center 7:00pm

12/11 Wednesday, Labyrinth Walk in Fellowship Hall, 6:45pm

12/14 Saturday evening at 7:30pm and 12/15 Sunday 1:00pm Choir Concerts

12/22 Sunday, Christmas Breakfast then DIY Christmas Pageant during worship

12/24 Tuesday, Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

Do you have some used candles at home that you don't know what to do with?

If so, bring them to the Church and put them in the box underneath the Companis Mission Worker's pictures in Fellowship Hall marked "For L'Arche Community". They make beautiful new candles from the recycled wax and sell them for the benefit of the residence, which is a community for the developmentally disabled. Thank you.

Visit us online at www.seattlefirstbaptist.org for up-to-date information.