

SERMON NOTES

“The Promise and the Praise”

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess. 5:16-24
(**Boldtype** is for emphasis, not in text)

from Isaiah 61...

61:1 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has **anointed me**; he has **sent me**
to bring g____n____ to the oppressed,
to bind up the b _____,
to proclaim l_____ to the captives,
and r_____ to the prisoners;
61:2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to c_____ all who mourn;
61:3 **to provide for** those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a g_____ instead of ashes,
the oil of g_____ instead of mourning,
the mantle of p_____ instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

61:8 For I the LORD love j _____, ... and I will make an
everlasting covenant with them.

61:9 ...all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people
whom the LORD has blessed.

61:11 ...the Lord GOD will cause r _____ and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

from 1 Thessalonians 5...

5:16 **Rejoice** a _____,

5:17 **pray** without c _____,

5:18 **give thanks** in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

5:19 **Do not quench** the Spirit.

5:20 **Do not despise** the words of p _____,

5:21 but **test** everything; **hold fast** to what is g_____;

5:22 **abstain from** every form of evil.

5:23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may
your s_____ and s____ and b____ be kept sound and blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY LEADERS

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TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for coming! We are glad that you have joined us for
worship. You are encouraged to fill out a Connection Card found in
the pew in front of you. Please place the card in the offering plate as it
passes or bring to the Welcome Center following worship. If you are
unable to stay after worship today, you may place your card in the
Connection Box in the church foyer as you exit.

Please accept this service as a gift to you from the LaFayette family.
The giving of tithes and offerings as a part of this worship experience is
an opportunity to support the ministry and mission of LaFayette in
response to God's faithfulness to us.

For our youngest guests, infants through kindergarten, Extended
Teaching Care (ETC) is provided. Any of our ushers would be happy
to assist you in locating the Preschool Area.

Following worship, we have a time of Bible Study for all age-groups.
Preschool, children, and youth are in age-graded classes. Our adults
have a variety of options depending on your preference. Our
Welcome Center staff will be glad to assist you in finding your place. In
the hallway behind the sanctuary, follow the crowd and you will see
the "Welcome Center" on the left.

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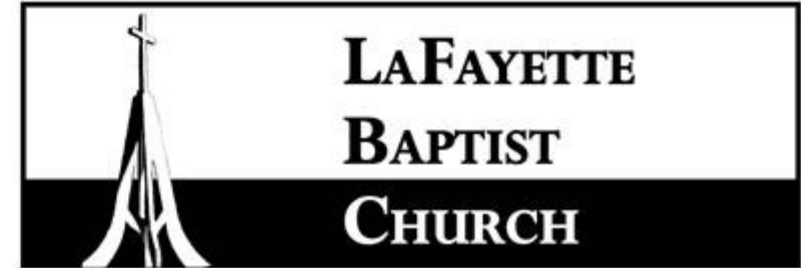
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Today in Worship

December 17, 2017

Announcements

Welcome and Prayer

Preschool Christmas Choir
Christmas is a Happy Time
Come and Worship Him

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pew Bible: Page 750

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Advent Wreath

The Tippett Family

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Angels We Have Heard On High

Worship Through Giving

Crystal Brown, violin
Ann Hobgood, piano

Celebration, Youth, and Children's Choir

Wonder and Glory

Soloists: Isabel Musselwhite,
Eli Howell, and Danny Joyner

Message

Dr. Ron Hinson

"The Promise and The Praise"

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Pew Bible: Pages 529 and 837

Time of Commitment

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Preschool Christmas Choir: Angels - Laila Baker and
Lila Tippet; Mary - Mary Grace Jorgenson;
Joseph - Evan Moore; Shepherds - James Beamon,
Colin DeVault, Andrew Huggins, Paul Plessinger,
William Riggle, Elijah Walk, Holden Zoch

The angel in the vestibule during this Christmas season is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of our Savior and in loving memory of Vallie and Joe Comer by the Comer - Whitman Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister on Call

December 17: Ron Hinson
December 22-25: Steve Branch

- ❖ **Extended Teaching Care** - Extended Teaching Care is for babies-Kindergarteners during the worship hour. Our volunteers for today are Babies-Younger Toddlers: Toni Robison and Jessica Chapman, Older Toddlers - Younger 4's: Mike Harrison and Winona Ford, Pre-K/K: Harriett Webster and Ashley Gale. This schedule is subject to change. We are incredibly grateful for your service.
- ❖ **LBC Administrative Teams and Ministry Councils will meet briefly today at noon in the Worship Center.**
- ❖ **Our Cookie Exchange will take place this afternoon at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring Two dozen (or more) of your favorite cookies to exchange.**
- ❖ **Our church-wide caroling event will begin at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Each group will visit a care facility and a local home to sing with a few of our church members who can no longer be with us on a weekly basis.
- ❖ **There will be no Family Connections class on December 20 or 27. We will begin back on January 3.**
- ❖ As always, we are looking forward to our Christmas Eve Service this year! Here is a schedule for **Christmas Eve**, which falls on a Sunday this year. **Morning Worship** will be at **9:30am** as usual. Our traditional **Christmas Eve Worship Service** will begin at **6:00pm that evening**. We will not have Bible Study/Sunday School that day or any other activities besides the two worship services.

Weekly General Fund Budget Needed: \$10,838.48
General Fund Received December 10, 2017: \$7,214.40

THIS WEEK AT LBC

TODAY-Sunday, December 17

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship
Youth Stay All Day
10:45am Prayer and Bible Study for All Ages
Adults: In search of your group? Come by the Welcome Center
Youth (7th-12th Grades), Room U212
Children (1st-6th Grades), Classrooms
Preschoolers (Babies-Kindergarten), B Hallway Classrooms
12Noon All Councils/Teams Meeting, Worship Center
4:30pm Cookie Exchange, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Christmas Caroling, Meet at the Church

Tuesday, December 19

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast, K&W Cafeteria on Village Drive

Wednesday, December 20

10:30am Intercessory Prayer, Prayer Room
6:30pm Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Celebration Choir, Music Suite

Friday, December 22

5:30pm Youth Progressive Dinner, Meet at Church

Sunday, December 24

8:45am Church-Wide Prayer Time, A121
9:30am Worship
No Sunday School
6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

We graciously request that no food or beverages be brought into the Worship Center at any time. Thank you!

WC - Worship Center, MS - Music Suite, FH - Fellowship Hall PR - Prayer Room,
MP - Multi-Purpose Room, U - Upstairs
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