

Today at the 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall service, we celebrate the baptism of Lane Adele and Rylin Shea Garrett, daughters of Erin and David Garrett. Relatives present today are grandparents Kevin and Cheryl Shea. Elder representing the Session by holding the font is Kathy White. The prayer sponsor is Christine Darby.

**Today’s Service Leaders:**  
Steve Hartman, Ed Satterfield,  
Carey Newman

**Today’s flowers** are given in memory of Linda Reidenouer and Gwen Corprew.

Morning Prayer

Health Needs  
Joe Keller, Waylon Lloyd, Barbara Satterfield, Lou Rutherford, Mary Cox, James Hacker, Nancy Cunningham

Deaths  
Linda Allen (father), Debi Berg (mother), Julia Durham (mother), Nikki Lloyd (grandmother), Mary Caudill (mother), Laurie Chalifoux (husband, Mike), Art Wood (father), Jean Johnson (husband, Roy), Allene Brown (mother), Deb Cox (husband, Dave), Ann Green (husband, Fran)

A **Wiggle Room** is available if you prefer to have your child with you but he or she is a little too active or noisy to be in the service. The service is streamed into Room 124 so you can hear the sermon while you nurse or play with your baby/toddler. Room 124 is located in the connecting hall across from the Toddler Room 105 leading to the Student Ministry area.

**Are you going to be away any Sunday this month?** You can now view our worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary) online at [www.thirdrva.org/](http://www.thirdrva.org/) watch-live. Or, find the link on the Welcome/This Sunday page. You can view the services through UStream (our vendor) on any device: smartphone, tablet, laptop/desktop.

December 14, 2014  
9:00/11:15 a.m.  
Third Sunday in Advent

MESSIAH

Part 1: Prophecy and Promise of the Redeemer

Overture Orchestra

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship Joel 2:1  
“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand.”

Opening Prayer

Hymn #133 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Scene One: God’s Comforting Promise

Responsive Reading Isaiah 40:1-4  
Leader: “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.”  
People: “A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.’”

And the glory of the Lord: Isaiah 40:5 Choir

Scene Two: The Purifying Messiah is Prophesied		
<i>Thus saith the Lord:</i> Haggai 2:6-7; Malachi 3:1	Kim Taulbee	
<i>But who may abide the day of his coming?:</i> Malachi 3:2	Kim Taulbee	
<i>And he shall purify:</i> Malachi 3:3	Choir	

Scene Three: God’s Glory Comes Through a Virgin		
<i>Behold, a virgin shall conceive:</i> Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23	Melanie Frazier	
<i>O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion:</i> Isaiah 40:9; 60:1	Melanie Frazier, Choir	

Scene Four: From Darkness Comes the Light of the World		
Responsive Reading: Isaiah 60:2-3; 9:2		
Leader: “See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.”		
People: “Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of death a light has dawned.”		
<i>For unto us a child is born:</i> Isaiah 9:6	Choir	
Introduction to the Offering and Announcements		
Offertory	<i>Pastoral Symphony</i>	Orchestra

Scene Five: The Christmas Story		
<i>There were shepherds abiding in the field:</i> Luke 2:8	Peggy Harvey	
<i>And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them:</i> Luke 2:9	Peggy Harvey	

<i>And the angel said unto them:</i> Luke 2:10-11	Peggy Harvey
<i>And suddenly there was with the angel:</i> Luke 2:13	Peggy Harvey
<i>Glory to God:</i> Luke 2:14	Choir

Scene Six: Christ, The Shepherd-King’s Ministry on Earth	
Responsive Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10	
Leader: “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”	
People: “I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.”	
<i>Then shall the eyes of the blind:</i> Isaiah 35:5-6	Sue Kimball
<i>He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:</i> Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 11:28-29	Sue Kimball
<i>His yoke is easy:</i> Matthew 11:30	Choir
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer	
Hymn of Commission #152	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>“Hallelujah”</i> Choir

The third Advent candle is traditionally called the Shepherd candle. The angels announced the good news of Jesus’ birth to these common people on a quiet night. They responded with wonder and faith and immediately sought out the Savior.

Our guest in worship today is Dr. Carey Newman, Director of Baylor University Press.