The Worship of God
Sunday, December 24, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Do not lose hope; Joseph experienced moments of difficulty when his plans were interrupted. His life would never be the same...but he was able to overcome his trouble and disappointment in the promise that God never abandons us. The truth is, God had something better than just a plan. As you prepare for worship, how do you need to trust God with some trouble or disappointment? How do our plans get in the way of God's purpose?

Prelude *What Child Is This?* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Cody Favor

Time of Greeting *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CH 251

Congregational Call to Worship *Shout to the Lord*

Lighting of the Advent Candle Collin & Grace Zalesak

Morning Prayer Cody Favor

Family Dedication *Kolson Bailey* Phil Christopher
Brandon & Trista Bailey, parents

Song of Worship *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* CH 267

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Matthew 1:18-25* Stacey Collins
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Suzanne Shaw

Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word *I Want To Be Like Joe* Phil Christopher

Invitation *Step by Step*

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *Shout to the Lord*

Postlude *What Child Is This?* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given by Roy & Gina Kiser, David & Jennifer Stuckey, and their children in recognition of Jerry & Ruth Ann Kiser's 54th wedding anniversary.