

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 4, 2022

Prelude

Song 10,000 reasons

Song How great our Joy

Welcome and Opportunities

Worship in Giving \*\*

Song Joy To the World

Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 17

Sermon Christmas: The Gospel in the genealogy of Christ

Communion\*\*\*

Closing Song: Family of God

Postlude

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## PRAYER REMINDERS

Genevieve Ferrari, Mike Lundberg, Laverne Weilbrenner, Carroll Paulson, Madelyn Mead, Roy Thompson, Lynn Conklin, Greg Carlson, Davis triplets, Scott Landreth, Sharon Peterson, Janet StorJohann, Craig Sorley, Abby Payne, Elaine Ubben, Stratford Care Center.

**Holding the Rope for:** Mike and Emily Rudolph  
World Venture  
Ukraine

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Broadcast of our worship service on Cable Channel 14
DECEMBER 7	6:00 p.m.	CIA and 631
DECEMBER 8	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study: Advent
DECEMBER 18	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Coffee
DECEMBER 25		No In Person Service. Merry Christmas
DATE TBD	6:00 p.m.	Movie Night: Mom’s Night Out

\*\*Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page

\*\*\*Communion cups available on the welcome center

In his book, “Advent” J. D. Greear said, “... Jesus took on death so that we would only have to experience its shadow. If you trust Christ, your current darkness is passing. In what ways does seeing your darkness as a passing shadow change your perspective on your circumstances? God came because our lives were shrouded in darkness. If you feel like you are in darkness, know that for *you* a child has been born. To *you* a son has been given. Jesus came for *you* in your darkness. All of our greatest problems are rooted in a separation from God. We often look for God’s gifts apart from him. God has not abandoned us to darkness. He knows what we need and sent Jesus to enter our darkness so that we could receive his light. The birth of Jesus is a gift of light in our darkness. But like any other gift, you must receive it...”

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**Christmas: the Gospel in the Genealogy of Christ**

**Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 17**

**Proposition: God can use even a genealogy for His purpose**

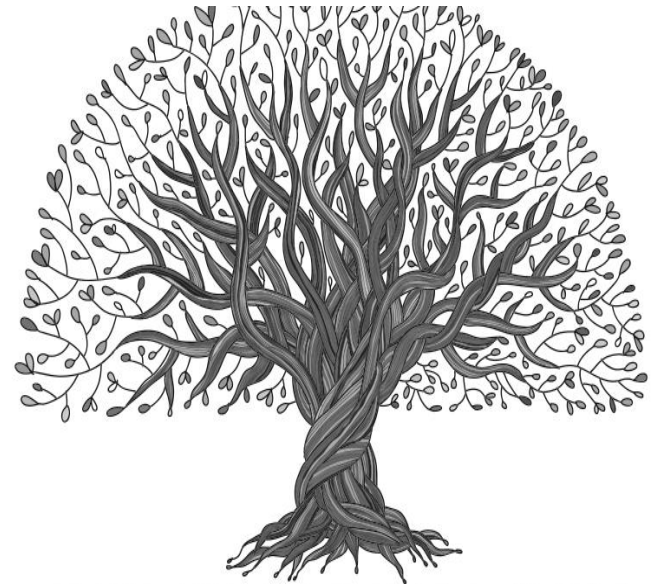
**I. Examine the Life of Tamar**

**II. Examine the Life of Rahab**

**III. Examine the Life of Ruth**

**IV. Examine the Life of Bathsheba**

**V. Examine the Life of Mary**

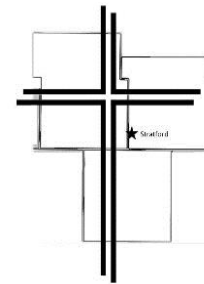


JESUS' GENEALOGY

*“...The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Son of Abraham ...”*

*Matthew 1:1*

**Christmas: The Gospel in the Genaology**



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