



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 6th, 2019 Epiphany Sunday

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: God, you lead the nations by a star to your only-begotten Son and revealed him. In your mercy, may we, who know you now by faith, be led through this earthly life, until we see the vision of your heavenly glory; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Christa Walsh

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#145

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore him (x3)
Christ the Lord**

*Responsive Call to Worship: Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

Leader: But the Lord will arise upon you, and the Lord's glory will appear over you.

All: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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Leader: The wealth of the nations shall come to you.

All: A multitude of camels shall cover you, they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Prayer and Welcome

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Carol of Reflection “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

#119

**O thou joyful, O thou wonderful, peace revealing Christmas-tide!
Darkness disappeareth, God’s own light now neareth;
Peace and joy to all betide.**

Confession of Sin

John Nelson

Assurance of Pardon

*Carol of Praise

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

#163

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this carol and are welcome to remain at the front during the scripture reading and the sermon. They will return to their caregivers for the communion service.

Gift of Music

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Marilyn Phillips

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3.1-12

(N.T. pg. 193)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 110.1-5

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

All: **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

All: **May he live as long as the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

Leader: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

All: **May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will shall be, forever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2.1-12

(N.T. pg. 2)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Salvation Takes Place in History"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

"The First Noel"

#135

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

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