



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, January 7th, 2018 Epiphany

**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

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#145

*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.

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

Htoo Paw and 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
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

*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. Colouring and activity sheets are available and the nursery is open to infants and toddlers.

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader

Hilary Ryan, Kee Mae

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3.1-12

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Responsorial Reading: Psalm 110.1-5

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

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

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

(Cont’d, see over.)

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

Choir: *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 ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2.1-12

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gift of Music

“Jesus Is a Wonderful Saviour”

FKBC Choir

**Jesus is a wonderful Saviour, he will carry you through. (x3)
Until the battle’s done and the victory is won,
My Lord will carry you through.**

**O, my precious brother, when the world’s on fire,
You need my Jesus to be your saviour.
He’ll hide you ever in the Rock of Ages,
In the Rock of Ages, just cleft for you.**

Carol of Approach

“We Three Kings”

Pew Hymnal, #166
Karen Hymnal, #53

Sermon

“The Wise Men Come”

John Hillmer
Translated by Pu Say Lee

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Approach

“The First Noel”

Pew Hymnal, #135, v. 3-4

Call to the Supper

John Hilmer

