



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 The First Sunday of Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and dress us in the armour of light, so that in the last day, when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the immortal life; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen. *Adapted From The BCP.*

Music for Gathering "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Hofstедder) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

Morning Chimes

The Advent Of Christ

The Candle of Hope

Judy Grimsrud

*The Introit

"A Candle Is Burning"
(Away In a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

*Responsive Call to Worship: From Psalm 25

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: Guide us in your truth, God our saviour.

Congregation: Every day, we put our hope in you.

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming.

Congregation: Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

*Prayer and Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

WE APPROACH GOD

*Reflective Moment

“Adore”

Graham Kendrick & Martin Chalk

You stepped down from heaven; humbly, you came.

God of all creation here with us.

In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, light of the world here to save.

(Adore, come, let us adore; O come, let us adore him!

The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.) 2x

Confession of Sin

John Nelson

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

The children will come forward during the singing of this hymn and then proceed to the lower hall following the blessing for the children's service.

Sing we now of Christmas, Noël, sing we here!

Listen to our praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain:

Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!

Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:

Glory, honour, praises to the infant king.

(Refrain)

In the town they found him; Son of Mary mild.

Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.

(Refrain)

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader:

Debby Nelson

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40.1-5

(O.T. pg. 667)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 13.11-14

(N.T. pg. 162)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 85.7-10

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak for the Lord will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Choir: Surely the Lord's salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that God's glory may dwell in our land.

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. 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 and ever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: John 1:19-34

(N.T. pg. 92)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gift of Music

John Nelson

Sermon

"Waking and Preparing for Jesus"

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach:

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

#167, v. 1, 4

*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.

Call to Supper

Merv Hepting

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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!**

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

(All communion wafers are gluten free)

Prayer for the Bread

Prayer for the Wine

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Response "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #124

Our Gifts & Offerings "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Handel) Mark Anderson

*Response of Praise "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #125

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Praise the Coming Lord”
(Saint-Saens’ Christmas Oratorio)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Brenda Ziolkowski

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Adijah Pusi on the loss of her mother who passed away earlier this week in Uganda.

A Note of Thanks

The sanctuary and lower hall have been transformed thanks to the work of Dean Gilchrist, Barb and Thom Chen, Brenda Ziolkowski, Eleanor Russell, Tracy and Jack Sailor, Julie and Kevin Rich, Ron and Marilyn Phillips.

Upcoming Christmas Events

- **Christmas Together Luncheon:** December 9th, following morning worship. All are welcome. Invite friends and family to join us for the morning. No need to bring anything but a collection will be taken. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer or RSVP to Heather Russell-MacLean.
- **Men's Christmas Supper.** Monday December 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Merv Hepting's. Potluck meal. RSVP to Merv Hepting or Pastor Joel.
- **Christmas Glory Concert.** Sunday, December 16th, 7 p.m. Posters: take one for your apartment, local grocery store, or coffee shop. Invite someone who would be blessed to hear the gospel set to music. Attend as a host: 1/3 of the folks once reported having no church connection.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** December 24th, 6 p.m. A communion service with the songs and stories of Jesus' birth.

Hopeful Gifts for Change

Looking for meaningful gift ideas this Christmas? The CBM "Hopeful Gifts for Change" catalogue is now available in the foyer! Don't forget to pick up a catalogue for your family after the worship service, or visit hopefulgifts.ca to shop online.

This Christmas, give the gifts of hope and change.



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