



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 9th, 2017 The Second Sunday in Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, you delight to see your children living in harmony with each other and all creation. Remove envy, pride, and an unforgiving spirit from within us. May our greatest desire be to want what you want and our habit be to forgive as we have been forgiven. We ask this for our Lord Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.

Music for Gathering "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Lau) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes Mark Anderson

The Advent Of Christ The Candle of Peace Honnête and Nuru Guruka

*The Introit "A Candle Is Burning" (tune- Away in a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease;
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

*Responsive Call to Worship: From Psalm 80:1-7 John Nelson

Leader: Shepherd of God's people, hear us. Lead us like a flock.

Choir: *Show your glory. Show your strength.*

All: **Come and save us.**

Leader: How long will you be angry?

Choir: *You have given us tears as our food.*

All: **Make us new again, then we will be saved.
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.

Confession of Sin

Carol Hepting

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn of Praise**

“God Rest You Merry”

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.

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,

Remember, Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas day,

To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed babe was born,

And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn,

The which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Cont'd, see over)

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth efface;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"A Tapestry of Joyful Carols"

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Scripture Reader:

Esther Wiens

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3.1-5

(O.T. pg. 889)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6.19-20

(N.T. pg. 169)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

All: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a
devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

Choir: *Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your
salvation.*

Leader: The Lord God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that
God may judge the people:

Choir: *"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me
by sacrifice!"*

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is
judge.

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 21.1-13

(N.T. pg. 23)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Approach: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #152, v 1, 3-5

Gift of Music

Sermon "Jesus Is Coming to You" Joel Russell-MacLean

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn of Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #141, v 1-3

Prayers of the People Martha Pauls

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.

Our Gifts & Offerings "The Angel, Gabriel" (Hopson) 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 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" (Ore) Mark Anderson

Christmas Together Brunch Today, following morning worship, in the lower hall. All are welcome.

Deacon on Duty: Collin Carbno

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.

Thank you from Adija Pusi to everyone for their prayers and concern at her mother's recent passing.