



# First Baptist Church & Christ's Commission Fellowship Church

## Worship Service for Sunday, December 16th, 2018 The Third Sunday in Advent

*\*Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Silent Prayer:** God, we delight in the sudden joyous turns you bring about in nature and in life. Help us to perceive where you are at work so that we might persevere in faith through to the day of Jesus' return. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

JuBELLation  
Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson & Dennis Coloma

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

The Advent Of Christ    The Candle of Joy    Honnête, Gaddy and Nuru Guruka

\*The Introit

“A Candle Is Burning”

(tune- Away in a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

\*Responsive Call to Worship: From Psalm 33

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader:            Shout for joy in the Lord

Choir:            *Give thanks to the Lord.*

All:                **Make music to the Lord.**

Leader:            Sing to the Lord a new song.

Choir:            *Play skillfully with loud and joyful singing.*

All:                **For the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

**Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

\*Prayer and Welcome

Joel Russell-MacLean & Dennis Coloma

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

John Nelson

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Praise

“Long Ago, Prophets Knew”

*The children will remain where they are during the singing of this hymn and then proceed to the lower hall following the blessing for the children's service.*

Long ago, prophets knew, Christ would come, born a Jew,

Come to make all things new; bear his people's burden,

Freely love and pardon.

*(Refrain:)*

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes, when he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God with us, this is God's timeless plan:

God will come, as a man, born himself of woman,

God divinely human.

*(Refrain)*

Mary hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.

In her womb, God is laid: till the time expected,

nurtured and protected.

*(Refrain)*

*(Con't, see over)*

**Journey ends! Where afar, Bethlehem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!**

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"Pasko na naman medley"

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### **WE LISTEN TO GOD**

Scripture Reader:

Norma Holtslander

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

(N.T. pg. 168)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 80.1-3

**Leader:** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Choir: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;*

**All:** Have regard for us, for we are your creation.

**Leader:** Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

*Choir: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.*

**All:** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**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.**

\*Hymn of Approach:

"How Great Our Joy!"

#144 v. 1, 2

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-10

(N.T. pg. 11)

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Venone Bihag

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*Hymn of Response

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#155

Prayers of the People

Venone Bihag & Murray Wolfe

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

Christa Walsh

\*Response of Praise

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#141

**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

“Hark the Herald, Angels Sing” (Thelwes) Mark Anderson

**A Time For Friends** - All are invited downstairs for refreshments and snacks following the morning worship service.

Deacon on Duty

*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.*