



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 30th, 2018 The First Sunday of Christmas

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, every good thing comes from you. You make all things new in their time. We submit our lives to you in thanks for all you have done for us, and as a prayer that you would renew and transform our lives in line with your plans. In the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Christmas Chimes

Mark Anderson

*The Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#145

*Responsive Call to Worship: Luke 1.68-80, Zechariah's Song

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has visited and redeemed his people,

All: God has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,

Leader: As God spoke by the mouth of the holy prophets, who have been since the world began,

All: That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,

Leader: To perform the mercy promised to our ancestors and to remember the holy covenant, to fulfill the oath which God swore to our father Abraham:

All: To grant us that we might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before God all the days of our life.

(Cont'd, see over)

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare the Lord's ways,

All: To give knowledge of salvation to the Lord's people for the remission of their sins,

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the heavenly dawn will break upon us,

All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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, to the age of ages. 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
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Carols of Praise "I Saw Three Ships"

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

(Cont'd, see over)

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas Day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas Day;
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

*Carol

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

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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.

*The Apostle’s 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.

Children's Blessing

Carol

"Good King Wenceslas"

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither,
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the cold wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly,
You shall find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

Gift of Music

Marilyn Phillips

We Listen to God

Scripture Reading

Brenda Backman-Long

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3.27 - 4.7

(N.T. pg. 189)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 110.1-5

Leader: Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! The Lord will judge the peoples with equity.”

All: Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, let the field exult.

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. 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: Matthew 1.18 - 25

(N.T. pg. 1)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Humanity Reborn In Jesus” Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Carol of Praise

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

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Prayers of the People

Timothy Long

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

*Response of Praise

“Joy To The World”

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*Benediction

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson



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