



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, November 24th, 2019 The Sunday Before Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, give us strength and patience through your Holy Spirit, to serve you and to praise you all the days of our lives, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus' return. Amen.

Music for Gathering "I Wait Patiently For the Lord" (Thompson) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

*The Introit "We Gather Here in Grateful Praise" (Tune: Duke Street, #231)

**We gather here in grateful praise, in prayer and song our voices raise,
For all our blessings large and small, we thank you God, who gives us all.**

**Praise God, the source of everything,
Praise God, the Son our Lord and King,
Praise God, the Holy Spirit near, we thank you God, for you are here.**

*Welcome and prayer

Chris Senger

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#435

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

"Pull for Shore"

Narrow Gate

We Listen to God

Reflection

"How Long, O Lord?"

Joel Russell-MacLean

Scripture Readers

Lynette Wollbaum and Norma Holtslander

1st Scripture Lesson: Habakkuk 1, selected verses

Prayer of Confession

Richard Hovey

2nd Scripture Lesson: Habakkuk 2, selected verses

*Hymn

"He Hideth My Soul"

#496

Call to Silent Reflection: Habakkuk 2.20

Norma Holtslander

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before the Lord!

(Silent Reflection)

Call to Prayer: Habakkuk 3.2

Ron Phillips

Prayers of the People

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.

3rd Scripture Lesson: Habakkuk 3, selected verses

Reflection "Yet I Will Rejoice in the Lord" Joel Russell-MacLean

Responsorial Reading: Habakkuk 3.16-19 Lynette Wollbaum

Leader: I hear, and I tremble within; my lips quiver at the sound.

Choir: *Rottenness enters into my bones, and my steps tremble beneath me.*

All: I wait quietly for the day of calamity to come upon the people who attack us.

Leader: Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;

Choir: *Though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;*

Leader: Though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls.

All: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

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.

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response "It Is Well with My Soul" #493

Our Gifts & Offerings "Time to Pray" Narrow Gate

*The Turn Toward Advent "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing "Reflective Meditation on It Is Well With My Soul" (Innis)
Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty

Ron Phillips

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.

A Time For Friends

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.

Visiting Others This Christmas

During the Season of Advent we anticipate the arrival of Christ - God's visitation of us on earth. During Advent this year we invite you to consider an intentional season of visiting others, specifically those unable to connect or attend regularly our Sunday Services. On Saturday, November 30th, Ron Phillips will be leading a seminar on visitation starting at 10am; this will be followed by organizing those present/interested in visitations during Advent. If this is something you may like to be a part of, join us on November 30th or for more information contact Pastor Richard.

Achievers' Luncheon Thursday, November 28th, at 11:55.

Whether you are retired or able to come over your lunch, come for a great meal together and a meaningful talk. Rev Dr Richard Hovey speaking. Sign up today with Pastor John.

"Christmas Together", our church-wide Christmas dinner Sunday, December 1st, following morning worship.

Everyone is invited to the celebration turkey dinner that will follow. We will also be celebrating the marriage of Rob and Tiffany during the Sunday morning worship service. Please RSVP if you are coming and have not sign up yet.

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