



# First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 22nd, 2019  
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

## **We Gather as God's People**

Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you declared yourself the way, the truth, and the life. Reveal to us your truth, and inspire us with your life, that now and at all times we may find in you the way to the Father. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

The Advent Of Christ

The Candle of Hope

\*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.**

\*Welcome and prayer

Joel Russell-MacLean

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



Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Choir: *For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.*

All: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

\*Gloria Patri #623

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

(N.T. pg. 91)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145

Sermon "The Manifestation of Glory" Richard Hovey

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Carol "Emmanuel" #134

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.**

\*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

Richard Hovey

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

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.*

### **A Time For Friends**

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

### **Finance Note**

At this point in the year, we are anticipating that our expenses will be close to what was budgeted. However our income from donations is not keeping up with our expenses. Please consider this as you prepare your gifts over the Christmas season. All gifts and donations must be received on or before the last Sunday of December for inclusion in your 2019 tax receipt. Also please have any donations clearly marked with your name or envelope number to receive a tax receipt. Operating Revenue as of December 16, 2019: \$391.4K  
Year-end Budget: \$408.7K

### **Upcoming Christmas Events**

- 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](http://hopefulgifts.ca) to shop online. This Christmas, give the gifts of hope and change.

## **Poinsettias**

This Christmas, following Christmas Eve, poinsettias will be taken from our sanctuary by our visitation team to all the homes of those in our congregation who are no longer able to come out on Sundays. Donations to cover the cost of purchasing the poinsettias will be gratefully received. To find out more about our visitation team, please speak with Pastor Richard or Barb Ellemers.

## **Photo Directories**

Church directories are available in the foyer. They are meant to encourage prayer and relationship. Please use them to invite people over for meals or out for a visit or in daily prayer. These are not meant for distribution.

The directory will be the only place we print phone numbers or emails. Please note that the church will never ask you to purchase anything by text or by email. Please contact pastors or the board if you receive requests to purchase gifts cards or something similar. This is a common scam.