



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 15th, 2019 The Third Sunday in Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, source of all life, who chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus and to be conceived within her, may we likewise seek to do your will and to welcome Jesus into our lives. Amen.

Music for Gathering

JuBELLation
Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

The Advent Of Christ The Candle of Joy

*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

Richard Hovey

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.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God's name.

Choir: *God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.*

All: God has shown strength with his arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

Choir: *God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.*

All: God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

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: Luke 1.26-38

(N.T. pg. 56)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Carol

“What Child Is This?”

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Gift of Music

Marilyn Phillips

Sermon “Let It Be with Me According to Your Word” Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#141, v 1 - 3

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.

Our Gifts & Offerings

JuBELLation

*Response of Praise

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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**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

Joy to the World (Raney)

Christa Walsh & 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 8, 2019: \$374K

Year-end Budget: \$408.7K

Upcoming Christmas Events

- **Christmas Glory Concert.** Tonight, 7 p.m. Posters: take one for your apartment, local grocery store, or coffee shop. Invite someone who would be blessed to hear the gospel set to music. Consider coming out to host, to pray, and to minister to those the Spirit brings out: 1/3 of the folks once reported having no church connection.
- **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 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.



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