



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

**Worship Service for Sunday, December 29th, 2019  
The First Sunday of Christmas**

**Merry 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 according to your purposes. In the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Christa Walsh

\*The Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#145

**\*Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 98**

**Leader:** The Lord has made salvation known and revealed righteousness to the nations. The Lord has remembered love and faithfulness to Israel.

**All:** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**Leader:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.

**All:** **Burst into jubilant song with music.**

**Leader:** Make music to the Lord with the harp, with singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.

**All:** **Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

**Leader:** Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

**All:** **Let them sing before the Lord, for the Lord comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**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.**

**\*Prayer and Welcome**

**Chris Senger**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

**\*Welcoming One Another**

## We Approach God

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\*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

John Nelson

\*Carol

“He is Born”

*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.*

*Refrain:*

**He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Saviour mild.**

**Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;  
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!**

*Refrain*

**Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,  
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace.**

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Carol

**“Twas In the Moon of Wintertime”**

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim  
And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:**

*(Refrain:)*

**Jesus, your King, is born; Jesus is born! In excelsis gloria!**

**Within a lodge of broken bark, the tender babe was found  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round.  
And as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
The angel song rang loud and high:**

*(Refrain:)*

**O children of the forest free, O songs of Manitou.  
The holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy:**

*(Refrain:)*

Gift of Music

Christa Walsh

\*Carol

**“Of The Father’s Love Begotten”**

#118

\*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.**

## We Listen to God

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Scripture Reading  
Epistle Lesson: Isaiah 7.10-14

Joel Russell-MacLean  
(O.T. pg. 636)

Responsorial Reading: 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.**

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 ages of ages. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1.18 - 25

(N.T. pg. 1)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## We Respond to God

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*Carol of Praise	“Good Christian Folk Rejoice”	#151
Prayers of the People		Richard Hovey
The Lord’s Prayer		
<b>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.</b>		
Our Gifts & Offerings		
*Response of Praise	“Joy To The World”	#125
*Benediction		Joel Russell-MacLean
Music for Departing		Christa Walsh





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