



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 8th, 2019 The Second Sunday in Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: We know, O God, we need to come to you. We invite you to come to us. We confess that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed. Teach us true repentance and with your steadfast love, forgive our sins. Mold our hearts and wills to love and serve you more perfectly. Amen.

Music for Gathering “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Johnson) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service John Nelson

Morning Chimes Mark Anderson

The Advent Of Christ The Candle of Peace

*The Introit “A Candle Is Burning” (tune- Away in a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease;
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

Leader: Who shall come in the fullness of time to gladden the hearts of all?

Choir: *Who shall bring new joy to the world, and the poor and lonely defend?*

Leader: Who shall come on a cold winter's night, when the world is hushed and still?

All: **Only the silent stars keep watch as a promise is fulfilled.**

Leader: Just as a child newly born he shall come to a stable rough with sod.

Choir: *'Tis gentle Jesus, prince of Peace, the blessed Son of God.*

Leader: We await him with reverent hearts. Come, Emmanuel!

Choral Response "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 appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Unison Prayer

An Advent Prayer

God of Advents past and Advent present, send down your message of hope, peace, joy and love in this our Advent journey. May we come before you with joyful hearts in hope of experiencing anew the kneeling at Bethlehem to adore your "Gift" to us: Emmanuel! Amen!

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

*Reflective Moment

“Adore”

Graham Kendrick & Martin Chalk

You stepped down from heaven; humbly, you came.

God of all creation here with us.

In a starlit manger, Emmanuel, light of the world here to save.

Adore, come, let us adore; O come, let us adore him!

The Lord, worship Christ the Lord. Let all that is within us adore.

Confession of Sin

John Hillmer

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Praise

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#124

The children will come forward during the singing of this hymn and then proceed to the lower hall following the blessing for the children's service.

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

“Advent Prayer”

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader:

Brenda Beckman-Long

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11.1-10

(O.T. pg. 640)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 83: 1-4, 17, 18

Leader: O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still.

Choir: *See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads.*

Leader: With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish.

All: **“Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.**

Leader: May they ever be ashamed and dismayed;

Choir: *May they perish in disgrace.*

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

Leader: Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord, that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3.1-12

(N.T. pg. 2)

*Carol of Welcome “Long Ago, Prophets Knew”

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new, bear his people’s burden,
Freely love and pardon.

(Refrain:)

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, this is God’s timeless plan:
God will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

(Refrain:)

Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid till the time expected, nurtured and protected.

(Refrain:)

Journey ends! Where afar Bethlehem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar: unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry.

(Final Refrain:)

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes, Jesus comes; we will make him welcome.

Gift of Music “O Little Road to Bethlehem” Lydia Li

Sermon “Repent - A 180 Degree Turn” John Nelson

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response “Joy to the World” #125, v 1, 2

Prayers of the People Richard Hovey

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 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Christa Walsh

*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 John Nelson

Music for Departing “Joy to the World in Bach’s Prelude in C”
(Limbaugh) 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.

Upcoming Christmas Events

- **Men's Christmas Supper.** Monday December 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Derrick Bellow's. Potluck meal. RSVP to Derrick or Joel.
- **Christmas Glory Concert.** Sunday, December 15th, 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.



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