



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 27th, 2020

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.

Seasonal Music for Gathering

Christmas Glory Reflections

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (CG '18)

Choir, Congregation, Christa Walsh, Mark Anderon, Gillian Engen

"Joyful News" (CG '88)

Exaltation

"Jesus What a Wonderful Child" ('03)

Sanctuary Choir

Music for Gathering

Christa Walsh

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore him, (x3)
Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him, (x3)
Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, (x3)
Christ the Lord!**

*Prayer and Welcome

Kayely Rich

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is born for us!

People: **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

We Approach God

*Carol of Praise

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

(Refrain)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. Alleluia! *(Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. Alleluia! *(Refrain)*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Alleluia! *(Refrain)*

"I Saw Three Ships"

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas Day in the morning.

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on Earth shall ring, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;

And all the bells on Earth shall ring, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Children's Blessing

Julie Hovey

We Listen to God

*Carol of Preparation “On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing”

**(On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring) (repeat)
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.**

**(Then why should men on earth be so sad?
Since our Redeemer made us glad) (repeat)
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?**

**(All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:) (repeat)
“Glory to God and peace on earth, now and for evermore. Amen.”**

Gift of Music “In Dulci Jubilate - Var. 1 & 2” Xavier Russell-MacLean

Scripture Reader Hilary Ryan

Responsive Reading of Celebration: 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!

All: Burst into jubilant song with music.

Leader: Make music to the Lord with instruments and with singing. Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

All: 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 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.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Escape to Egypt”

Eric Warren

We Respond to God

*Carol of Response

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

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

Richard Hovey

Gift of Music

“In Dulci Jubilate - Var. 3”

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*Response of Praise

“Joy to the World”

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Benediction

Eric Warren

Christmas Greeting Video

Music for Departing

Christa Walsh

Join others for a special, “A Time for Friends.” If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to sit down with a group and hear how others are doing.

Children are invited to remain in the main Zoom room for a chance to visit with each other and Julie and Pastor Kayely.