



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 6th, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, you delight to see your children living in harmony with each other and all creation. Remove envy, pride and an unforgiving spirit from within us. May our greatest desire be to want what you want and our habit be to forgive as we have been forgiven. We ask this for our Lord Jesus' sake and in his name. Amen.

Seasonal Music for Gathering

Christmas Glory Reflections

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" ('02)

FBC Choir & Congregation

"Christmas Medley" ('03)

Andrea Hedlund/Bev Dyck

"Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella" ('06)

Y.I.M.- Youth in Ministry

"Born, Born in Bethlehem" ('03)

Sanctuary Choir Men

"And the Glory" ('80)

Baptist Leadership Training School Choir

Christa Walsh

Opportunities for Life and Service

John Nelson

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

*Song of Gathering

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

The Second Advent Candle "The Candle of Peace"

*Carol of Gathering “Light the Light, the Fire of Life” (*Tune - Il Est Ne*)

(Refrain:)

**Light the light, the fire of life; light the candle reveal his glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.**

**Light the candle of his peace, light the light of angels singing,
Light the candle of his peace, light the light that shone that night.**

(Refrain)

*Call to Worship

Richard Hovey

Leader: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire.

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ is coming.

All: Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

We Approach God

*Carol of Expectancy

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#123

**O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

(Refrain:)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight!**

(Refrain)

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.**

(Refrain)

**O come Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

(Refrain)

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Esther Wiens

Responsorial Lesson: Luke 1.68-79

Leader: Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has come to God's people and redeemed them.

All: God has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of the Lord's servant David,

Leader: As God spoke through the mouth of the holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

All: Thus the Lord has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered the holy covenant, the oath that the Lord swore to our ancestor Abraham,

Leader: To grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before the Lord all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare the Lord's ways,

All: To give knowledge of salvation to the Lord's people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 1.57-66

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#141

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his Heav'n.
No ear may hear God's coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

***Apostles' 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.

Call to the Supper
Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

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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.

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Carol of Approach

“Thou Didst Leave Thy throne”

#127

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity,
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus there is room in my heart for thee.**

Communion

Choral Response

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus there is room in my heart for thee. (x2)

We Respond to God

*Carol of Departure

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

#128

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace as king.
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Mark Anderson

Join others for a special, "A Time for Friends."

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

After the music for departing a few smaller breakout groups will be formed. There is no obligation to stay if you need to be going. If you wish to take part, simply remain on Zoom to greet the group and hear how others are doing.