



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent

*\*Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

### **We Gather as God's People**

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**Silent Prayer:** O Lord, raise up your power. Come among us and with great might assist us. Help us to recognize you in our midst. Where through our sins and wickedness, we are hindered in running the race set before us, may your bountiful grace and mercy deliver us through your son Jesus Christ. All glory and honour be yours, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music for Gathering

"All is Well"  
(arr. Larson)

JuBELLation

"Toccata and Pastorale"

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

Morning Chimes

Mark Anderson

\*Song of Gathering

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#124, v.1

**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.**

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord

**All: And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

Leader: The Lord has looked with favour on the lowliness of God's servant.

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

Leader: God's mercy is for those who fear the Lord from generation to generation.

**All: God has shown strength; 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;

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

Leader: According to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever, God has helped the Lord's servant Israel.

**All: Come let us proclaim the goodness of our God!**

#### Prayer of Invocation

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **We Approach God**

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\*Carol of Praise

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

#138

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

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

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

**Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light.**

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

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the Earth**

**Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.**

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

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born**

**And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

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

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

Children's Blessing

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

“In the Bleak Midwinter”  
(G. Holst; arr. S. Geschke)

JuBELLation

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Kayely Rich

## We Listen to God

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\*Carol of Approach

“What Can I Give Him?”

#154

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give him? Give him my heart.**

Scripture Reader

Lynette Wolbaum

Epistle lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 19:1-6

Leader: The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display God’s craftsmanship.

**All: Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make God known.**

Leader: They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.

**All: Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.**

Leader: God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

**All: The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.**

**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: John 1:19-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! God is here!”

Kayely Rich

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Carol of Response

“What Child is This?”

#137

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent word is pleading.**

**This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

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 and Offerings

Kayely Rich

Gift of Music

“Silent Night”  
(arr. Dobrinski)

JuBELLation

\*Carol for Departing

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#123, v.1

**O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

Variations on “In Dulci Jubilo”  
(D. Bedard)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Thank you to the Holtlander family for leading us in worship this morning.

For those of you on Zoom, 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 be invited to a group and hear how others are doing.