



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second 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

Silent Prayer: Blessed Lord, you caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest your words, so that by patience, and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Seasonal Music for Gathering Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Mark Anderson
(Whitworth)

Opportunities for Life and Service Kayely Rich

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.**

*Call to Worship Kayely Rich

Leader: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

All: Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

Prayer of Invocation

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

“The Advent of Our God”

#120

**The Advent of our God with eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise him in this hour with hymns and anthems sweet.**

**All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One through all eternity.**

Children’s Blessing

Kayely Rich

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Bonnie Austring-Winter

Epistle lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7

Leader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before your people.

All: Awaken your might; come and save us.

Leader: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

All: You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.

Leader: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: 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 21:25-33

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“How Great Our Joy”

#144

**While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.**

**How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (2x)**

**There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a child today.**

**How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (2x)**

**There shall the child lie in a stall,
This child who shall redeem us all.**

**How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (2x)**

**This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.**

**How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! (2x)**

*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

Joel Russell-MacLean

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

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!

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

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, v 1

**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

Gift of Music

"Holy Night, Silent Night"
(Ruth Elaine Schram)

Sanctuary Choir

Here are the words for those who would like to follow along:

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O, hear the angel voices!

O night divine; O night when Christ was, Christ was born.
O silent night, O holy night, O night, O night divine.

O holy night. All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild!
Precious baby, sleep in heavenly peace, in peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Fall on your knees! O, hear the angel voices!
O night divine; O night when Christ was, Christ was born.
O silent night, O holy night, O night, O night divine.

O holy night.

*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

We Three Kings
(Whitworth)

Mark Anderson

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.