



# First Baptist Church

*A Place To Belong*

## Worship Service for Sunday, November 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

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

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**Silent Prayer:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and dress us in the armour of light, so that in the last day, when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the immortal life. Amen. *(Traditional Collect)*

Music for Gathering "Tranquilly" Xavier Russell-MacLean  
(Charles H. H. Parry)

Opportunities for Life and Service Cheryl Johnston

Morning Chimes Xavier Russell-MacLean

\*The Introit "Come and Worship"

**Angels, from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship, come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King.**

\*Responsive Call to Worship Chris Senger

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.**

Prayer of Invocation Chris Senger

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

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming.

**All: Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Welcoming One Another

## **We Approach God**

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\*Hymn of Praise

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

*The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song.*

**Sing we now of Christmas, Noël, sing we here!**

**Listen to our praises to the babe so dear.**

**Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!**

**Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:**

**“Glory, honour, praises to the infant King.”**

**Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!**

**In the town they found him, son of Mary mild,**

**Sleeping in a manger, was the holy child.**

**Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!**

**Wise men sought and found him, treasures did they bring;**

**Bowing down they worshiped Christ the King of kings.**

**Sing we Noël, the King is born, Noël! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noël!**

Advent Candle Lighting

Tabio Family

\*Hymn of Praise

“Adore”

(Words & music: G. Kendrick & M. Chalk; Arr. L. Larson)

**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; Oh come let us adore him!**

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

**Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low, angel voices sing of peace on earth.**

**What have I to offer to heaven’s King? I will bring my life, my love, my all.**

**Adore, come, let us adore; Oh come let us adore him!**

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

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession

Norma Holtslander

Assurance of Pardon

## **We Listen to God**

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\*Hymn of Approach

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

#118

**Of the Father’s love begotten e’re the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.**

**Oh ye heights of heav’n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev’ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.**

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, oh Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:  
Honour, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pp. 631-632, Old Testament)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**To: Jerusalem the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

Leader: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

**To: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."**

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

**To: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

\*Gloria Patri

#623

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Gospel lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 (pp. 27-28, New Testament)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Peace in Uncertainty"

Kayely Rich

## **We Respond to God**

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\*Hymn of Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#123

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

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, thou 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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

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

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Prayers of the People

Joel Russell-Maclean

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

## **We Depart to Serve God**

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\*Hymn for Departing

“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 today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

\*Benediction

Kayely Rich

Music for Departing

“Homesick Bossa”  
(Denis Nassar)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together.

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.

## December Events

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“Christmas Together” brunch	December 4, 12:15 (approx)
“The Story of Christmas” concert	December 11, 7:00 pm
Service of Comfort & Hope	December 15, 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight service	December 24, 6:00 pm

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