



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of 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. *(Traditional Collect)*

Music for Gathering

Christmas Carol Medley

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Kayely Rich

Morning Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*The Introit

“Come and Worship”
(Bebo Norman)

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. (2x)

*Responsive 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. 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

*Hymn of Praise

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#155

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

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood’s pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles, like us, he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav’n above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Advent Candle Lighting

Norma Holtslander

*Hymn of Praise

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#143

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Gift of Music

“An Advent Invitation”
(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Douglas Nolan)

Sanctuary Choir

For those who would like to follow along, the words are printed on page 8.

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Leader: You, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your name endures to all generations.

All: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

Leader: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

All: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

All: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

Leader: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

All: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

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. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Scripture: a Meal of Hope”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

#127, vs 1, 2, 4, 5

**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!**

**Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility.**

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—
There is room in my heart for thee!**

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,
They bore thee to Calvary.**

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—
There is room in my heart for thee!**

**When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, “Yet there is room—
There is room at my side for thee.”**

**My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When thou comest and callest for me.**

*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.

Communion

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“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 wond’ring 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 his 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!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Fugue”
(Anonymous)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the worship service, our “Christmas Together” brunch will be held in the lower hall.

December Events

“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

Lyrics for “An Advent Invitation”

Light the advent candle. Let it shine with hope.
Soon a star will guide us to the one who was foretold.
To a lonely cattle stall God will send the Lord of all.
Light the advent candle. Christ is coming soon.

Light the advent candle. Let it shine with peace.
Behold a Prince is coming and his reign will never cease.
To a palace, not of might, God will send his holy light.
Light the advent candle. Christ is coming soon.

Light the advent candle. Let it shine with love.
Soon a rose will flower, sent from heav’n above.
To this world a son is born, a perfect rose to bear the thorn.
Our longing hearts are waiting for that promised morn.

Light the advent candle. Let it shine with joy.
Soon the earth will celebrate sweet Mary’s little boy.
To the manglers of this world, God will send his priceless pearl.
Light the advent candle. Christ is coming soon.

Light the advent candle. Light the advent candle.
Light the advent candle today.