



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, December 25th, 2022

Christmas Day

Merry Christmas!

**Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: God, you wonderfully created, and even more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Jesus Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity. In his name we pray. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Grace Liu

Christmas Chimes

Xavier Russell-MacLean

*Carol of Gathering

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#145

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, (x3)

Christ the Lord!

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

Leader: The Lord has made salvation known and revealed righteousness to the nations. The Lord has remembered love and faithfulness to Israel.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Burst into jubilant song with music!

Leader: Make music to the Lord with instruments and with singing. Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

All: For the Lord comes to judge the earth in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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, to the age of ages. Amen.

Prayer of invocation

Kayely Rich

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 born for us!

All: Alleluia! Christ is born!

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Carol of Praise “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.**

**Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night.
God with us is now residing yonder shines the infant light.**

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

**Saints before the alter bending, watching long in hope and fear.
Suddenly the Lord descending in his temple shall appear.**

**Come and worship, come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King. (2x)**

“Joy to the World”

#125

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Child Dedication

Kayely Rich

Old Testament Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Chris Senger

*Carol of Praise “On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing”

**(On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring) (repeat)**
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

**(Then why should we on earth be sad?
Since our Redeemer made us glad) (repeat)**
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

**(All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:) (repeat)**
“Glory to God and peace on earth, now and for evermore. Amen.”

*Carol of Praise “He is Born”

Refrain:

**He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Saviour mild.**

**Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!**

**O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind!**

**Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace.**

Refrain

Epistle Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Chris Senger

We Listen to God

*Carol of Approach

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette”

**Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella! Bring a torch, to the cradle run!
It is Jesus, good folk of the village; Christ is born and Mary's calling.
Ah! ah! beautiful is the mother!
Ah! ah! beautiful is her son!**

**Softly to the little stable. Softly for a moment come;
Look and see how charming is Jesus, how he is warm, his cheeks are rosy.
Hush! hush! see how the child is sleeping;
Hush! hush! see how he smiles in dreams.**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

*Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

Joel Russell-MacLean

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Carol of Preparation “Good Christian Folk, Rejoice”

**Good Christian folk, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!
Jesus Christ was born to-day:
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today.**

**Good Christian folk, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heavens door, and all are blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian folk, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one, and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

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 & Offerings

Cheryl Johnston

We Go to Serve God

*Carol of Departing

“Joy to the World”

#125

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
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And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Xavier Russell-MacLean

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