



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, December 22nd, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Lord, raise up your power, come among us and with great might assist us. Help us to recognize you in our midst. When our sins hinder us 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. (Traditional collect)

Music for Gathering

“Jingle Bells”

Jonah Tremblay

“Frosty the Snowman”

Christine Cantor

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Maizy Russell-MacLean

“Presto in 5/8”

Lilen Wollbaum

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

“A Candle Is Burning”

(tune: Away In a Manger)

**A candle is burning, a candle of love,
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

Advent Candle Lighting and Prayer

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

*Carol of Praise

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song before going downstairs for Godly Play and Oasis.

**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.**

“People, Look East”

(Words: Eleanor Farjeon; tune: Beasacon, Fren. trad.)

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: love, the guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: love, the rose, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Listen to God

*Carol of Approach

“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.

(Refrain)

**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.

(Refrain)

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

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

(Refrain)

Gift of Music

Who Shall Come?

John Nelson

(Mary Caldwell)

Scripture Reader

Carmen Orthner

Old Testament Lesson: The Prophet Micah 5:2-5a

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Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

All: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Leader: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

All: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Leader: You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*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: The Gospel According to Luke 1:39-55

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Mary & Elizabeth: The Mothers of Redemption"

Dell Bornowsky

We Respond to God

*Carol of Response

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem, and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**See within in a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav’n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Saviour’s birth.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Prayers of the People

Hilary Ryan

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

*Hymn for Departing “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” #127

**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.**

**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.**

*Benediction Dell Bornowsky

Music for Departing Sonata in E Minor, Presto Adoniram Holtslander
(Haydn)

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited downstairs for refreshments following the service.

Parents:

Please go to meet your children in Godly Play and Nursery as they can only be dismissed into your care.



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