



"The Dream of Saint Joseph," Georges de La Tour, 1593-1652



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Joy comes to us in moments – ordinary moments. We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary.
-Brene Brown

Gathering Music

"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"
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Welcome

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Episode on 'Veni, Emmanuel'"
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* Lighting the Candle of Joy

The Lord Family

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 79)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
VENI EMMANUEL

* Passing of the Peace

Rev. John Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONG 85 v. 2)

"Christians All, Your Lord is Coming"
PLEADING SAVIOR

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.**

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 120)

"Emmanuel"
McGEE

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Holy God, you call us to righteousness, to a way of life that reflects your holiness. We are resolved to stick to our ways, for we have called them yours. We confess, though, that we find it difficult to adjust when you speak a new thing. We have definite ideas about how things

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should be. We have plans and expectations. Forgive us, and make us flexible enough to change course when your Spirit leads a different direction. Forgive us, and give us the humility to know our place in your story, to recognize your ways that are higher than our ways, to lay aside our expectations in order to take up the task you call us to do. Bring your new world to birth, O God, and make us ready to receive it.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is just and gracious, has sent Jesus Christ into the world to redeem us from sin. As we turn to God with contrite hearts, Christ intercedes on our behalf. So with assurance I can say to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response (CONGR 84)

"The People Who in Darkness Walked"
BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"What Child is This?"
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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 1.18-25

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

"He Will Come!"
Based on Traditional Greek Folk Song and VENI, VENI EMMANUEL/Words & Arr. by Patrick Liebergen/
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Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Joy Comes to Us in Moments"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 119)

"His Name Is Called Emmanuel"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Life of the Church

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Benediction

Postlude

"Overture to 'Unto Us A Child Is Born'"

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. John Williams

Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Flute: Andrew L.

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Brandon & Joanna Gillette Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Korean Presbyterian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Brian Johnson, serving churches in Michigan

International Ministries Missionaries: Debby & Kyle Witmer, serving in Thailand

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.
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