



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 a.m.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD The Fourth Sunday of Advent **DECEMBER 18, 2022**

But what shall I bring as a present for the King? What shall I bring to the Manger? -Langston Hughes

"Still Still Still" Gathering Music

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Welcome Rev. Cristina Adams

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Prelude

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\* Lighting of Advent Candles

Lifting Our Voices in Praise

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 125) "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**GLORIA** 

\* Passing of the Peace Ethan

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 144)

"O Come Little Children"

**SCHULZ** 

Children's Sermon Andrew

Sharing Ourselves in Prayer

"Advent Antiphonal" Call to Prayer

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they found there was no room. We confess that in the midst of all of our anxieties, we have not made room in our hearts for others...that in the busyness of Christmas time, we have not made room in our lives for you. Gracious God, forgive us and renew us. Use this advent time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence, and open our arms wide to welcome you.

Discipline of Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news–Jesus was born a babe, lived, died, and rose among us, and it is through Him that we are forgiven. Amen.

## Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (slides)

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 132)

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

CAROL CMD

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Ella

Offertory

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Levi

Luke 2.8-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"A Shepherd's Song at Christmas" by Langston Hughes

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Read: Section 1

Sing: "Little Drummer Boy"

Read: Section 2

Sing: "While By My Sheep"

Read: Section 3

Give: Kids Present Gifts

Carol (CONGR 131)

"In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM

Senior Reflection

**Pastoral Reflection** 

<sup>\*</sup> In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 143)

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Fantasy on Hyfrydol" (Come Thou Long Expected Jesus) Rowland H. Prichard / Mark Thallander © 2000 Fred Bock Music Co. Used with permission CCLI #20126570

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

The Children & Youth of First Baptist Church Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen FBC Bell Choir directed by Sandy Heacock Livestream Video Crew: Matthew Johnston, Steve Yoder Sound: Marylee Southard YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Baptist Temple

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Jacquiline L. Saxon, serving Mid-American Baptist Churches Of Iowa And Minnesota

International Ministries Missionary: Faye Yarbrough, serving in South Africa

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy from MoravianChristmas.org
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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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