

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gather in God's Name

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* by Sam Batt Owens

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;

When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Then let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,

When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

- Ancient Greek hymn

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

Now is the time to wake from sleep.

The night is far gone; the day is near.

Keep awake; be ready. Christ is coming!

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

+Hymn 79

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

+Prayer of the Day

Paul Sims

... make us ready for the hope of your coming;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

+Response

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;

Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Amen.

- Charles Wesley

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

setting by the Hal Hopson



With joy I heard my friends exclaim: "Come, let us in God's temple meet;"

Within your gates, O Zion blest shall ever stand our willing feet.

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

They come to learn the will of God, to pay their vows God's grace to own,

For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

For Zion's peace let prayers be made; may all that love you prosper well!

Within your walls let peace abide, and gladness with your children dwell.

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

For love of friends and kindred dear, my heart's desire is Zion's peace,

And for the house of God, the Lord, my loving care shall never cease.

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

- The Psalter, 1912

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 13:11-14

Austin Carty

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery

and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 96

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 24:36-44

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"About that Day and Hour"

Austin Carty

Give Thanks to God

+Hymn

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

NETTLETON

Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.

Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.

Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

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.

Christians all, your Lord is coming, he will rise up from the dead.

Lift the cup, of sin forgiven; bless the cup and break the bread.

Mend the ways where peace is broken, give yourselves to true Shalom.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church and home.

- Jim Miller

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Austin Carty

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

... so that we may eat and drink together in Your holy realm. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

An Advent Prayer

by Allen Pote

Come, holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin. Come, holy Jesus, and make us pure within.

Inspire each heart with illumined surprise, enkindle a flame anew.

Increase our faith and strengthen our lives, show us the joy of living life in you.

Sharing the Cup

While We Are Waiting, Come

by Don Cason

While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come.
With power and glo - ry, come; with power and glo - ry, come.
Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

- Claire Cloninger

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 562

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Sandi Curd

All loose change received in December will benefit our church's benevolence ministries

Offertory Anthem

Zion, at Thy Shining Gates

by K. Lee Scott

Zion, at thy shining gates lo, the King of Glory waits;

Haste thy monarch now to greet, strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for Thee their triple light, faith and hope and love unite;

This the beacon we display to proclaim Thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, loose us from the bands of sin,

Take away the galling weight laid on us by greed and hate.

Give us grace Thy yoke to wear, give us strength Thy cross to bear,

Make us Thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So when Thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men,

We with all Thy saints shall sing Alleluia to our King.

- Benjamin Kennedy

+Doxology for Advent

VENI EMMANUEL

To You, O Christ, all glory be, whose advent sets your people free;

Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore;

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Go in God's Name

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

Joyous Dialogue

by Alice Jordan

+all who are able may stand

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