

First Baptist Church at Worship

Christmastide

December 30, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary

Sing We Now of Christmas

setting by David Lasky

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born – the Messiah, the Lord.

I will proclaim the gracious deeds of the Lord.

The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

+Prayer of the Day

Austin Carty

Exalted God, even as the heavenly host sang of Your glory in the night skies over Bethlehem, even as the star shone in the heavens and sheep and cattle gathered in that light, so we gather, young and old together, to recount all that You have done for us in Your mercy and steadfast love. No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions You have placed within us, for You have drawn close to us.

With the whole creation, we praise You and exalt Your name forever and ever. Amen.

+Response

ANTIOCH

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

- Isaac Watts

The Word

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

MENDELSSOHN

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."

Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold;

Join with children's songs of praise, worship God through length of days;

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."

Praise God, all you hosts above, ever shining forth in love;

Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:

"Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!"

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."

- Stopford Brooke

A Reading from the Epistles: Hebrews 2:10-18

Austin Carty

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

***"I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You."***

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 2:13-23

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“The One Who Has the Power”

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

HYFRYDOL

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.

Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace;

Sent with gifts of love and mercy for a wayward human race.

Alleluia, praise the Baby, praise the life he came to live!

Alleluia, praise the Father, praise the Gift he chose to give!

Wondrous thought, that this small Baby held the promise of God's love,

Bringing mortals hope and healing from God's treasure house above.

Alleluia, praise the Baby, praise the life he came to live!

Alleluia, praise the Father, praise the Gift he chose to give!

- Beth Rice Luttrell

+Offertory Prayer

Alice Tremaine

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

Offertory

Jesus, the Light of the World

setting by André Thomas



Walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright,



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world:

“Glory to the newborn King.” Jesus, the Light of the world. REFRAIN

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace, Jesus, the Light of the world:

Hail, the Sun of righteousness, Jesus, the Light of the world. REFRAIN

- Traditional gospel song

Prayers of the People

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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. Amen.

+Doxology for Christmas

THE FIRST NOWELL

*To God, all glorious heav'nly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thanks and praise.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

- Charles Coffin

Sending

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

How Great Our Joy

setting by Anne Davis

+all who are able may stand

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