

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Greeting Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Paul Sims

A new branch will grow from the root of Jesse.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him.

We will live in peace, and a child will lead us.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

+Hymn 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

+Prayer of the Day Austin Carty
... that shoots of hope may spring forth in our lives. Amen.

+Response ANTIOCH
*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*
- Isaac Watts

The Word

Children's Sermon April Carty

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 Austin Carty
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 72

setting by Hal Hopson



All hail to God's anointed, great David's greater Son!

All hail, in time appointed, Your reign on earth begun!

You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,

To take away transgression and rule with equity. REFRAIN

You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,

And love and hope, like flowers, spring in Your path to birth:

Before You on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,

And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow. REFRAIN

- James Montgomery

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 15:4-13

Paul Sims

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name,"
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people,"
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him,"
and again Isaiah says,

***"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 3:1-12

Austin Carty

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Response

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those; set your hearts on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:
Then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God's store."*

*With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,
And his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
Till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.*

- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sermon

"That You May Abound in Hope"

Austin Carty

Responding

+Hymn

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation

CWM RHONDDA

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.

*Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!*

*We can now but tell the story of Your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold Your glory in Your coming back to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
Let each heart repeat the strain.*

*With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!*

- John MacDuff

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

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

Offertory Anthem

Prepare!

by Allen Pote

Prepare the way of the Lord!

For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.

Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.

His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in the night.

God will be revealed in us. Piercing the darkness with light.

Prayers of the People

Austin Carty

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 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.

Sending

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty and Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

Chorale-Jubilee on 'Lo, How a Rose'

by Alice Jordan

+all who are able may stand

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