

First Baptist Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

Making Connections that Make a Difference

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 23, 2018

11:00 AM

Opportunities for Service

Rev. Shannon Hall

Prelude

While By the Sheep We Watched
Handbell Choir

arr. Larson

*Call to Worship

He Is Born

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He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!

He is born, the Holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Greeting the Worshippers and Invocation

Rev. Chris Howe

*Hymn of Advent 77

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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The Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

The Advent Reading

Ronda Howe, Caitlyn Graham, and Chloe Hall

The Lighting of the Candle of Love

Advent Song

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
Choir and Congregation

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!

These are gifts You bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be

Light of Your Love reflected in me.

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(Children come forward during Advent Song)

Children's Message

Ann Holt

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Howe

*Offertory Hymn 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Offertory Prayer

Jerome Naylor

Offertory

The First Noel

arr. Shackley

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

Child of Promise

Chancel Choir

Child of promise, Lord of all, quietly sleeping on a bed of straw.

Angels in heaven rejoice and give praise.

Sing, for the Savior is born this day!

For unto us a Child is born, Prince of peace and Lord of lords.

On this night, a star burns bright; shining the way to the Truth and the Life,

Shining the way to the Truth and the Life!

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Scripture

Revelation 4:2-11

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Sermon

Do You Know the Reason?

Rev. Chris Howe

*Hymn of Commitment 102 *The Birthday of a King*

NEIDLINGER

*Benediction

Rev. Chris Howe

*Choral Response

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Choir and Congregation

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this.

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Postlude

Joy to the World

Peterson

*Please stand as you are able

First Baptist has several hearing assistance devices that can be used to aid in hearing our worship service. If you would like to try one of these devices, please go to the table in the vestibule before worship to pick one up.

We share the love of Christ through missions and ministry.

Church Calendar – December 23 through January 1, 2019

Sunday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, December 24

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion

Tuesday, December 25 *Merry Christmas!*

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed
No Evening Activities
Midweek Bible Study will resume January 16th

Saturday, December 29

11:30 a.m. Starfish Ministry, Team 5

Sunday, December 30

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
No Evening Activities

Monday, January 1 *Happy New Year!*

Church Office Closed

Week of December 23

Deacon of the Week

Reade Allen

Nursery Volunteers

Carolyn Roberts & Robin Self

Month of December

Greeters

Dina Grinstead & Lionell Johnson

Usher Captains

Brewer Roberts & Vern Taylor

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Church Staff

Rev. Chris Howe, Pastor

Rev. Shannon Hall, Associate Pastor of Music & Family Ministries

Ann Holt, Organist,

Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant