

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Alice Tremaine

Organ Voluntary

setting by Sam Batt Owens

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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

Lighting the Candle of Hope – Charlie and Katie House

Call to Worship

Phil Majors

Come all who seek truth – let us go up to the Lord's house,

that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.

Come – all nations, all peoples – stream through open gates,

that we might gather in hallways of justice and courts of peace.

Come – children of God – let us walk in the light of the Lord!

With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.

+Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... keep us ever watchful and awaken us to Your ways

as we wait in hope for the Light of the world. Amen.

+Response

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

With Power and Glory, Come

Children's Sermon

Alice Tremaine

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

Phil Majors

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

setting by 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***

We come to learn the will of God, to pay our 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

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 99

View the Present through the Promise

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

Alice Tremaine

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Until Peace Arrives"

Phil Majors

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+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

Wes Tipton

Loose change received in December will benefit First Baptist Church's Benevolence Ministry

Offertory Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

setting by Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, ... the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary, ... 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, ... the time is drawing nigh.*

- African American spiritual

Prayers of the People

Alice Tremaine

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.*

While We Are Waiting, Come

+The Peace

Paul Sims

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

+Hymn 256

We Are People of God's Peace

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

+Commission and Blessing

Phil Majors

Know the peace of God in this Advent season.

May God's peace go with you through your busy days.

We take the peace of this worship hour into the clamor of our daily lives.

Be alert to signs of God's presence wherever you go;

God comes to you at times you least expect.

We carry the anticipation of this season into our work and our leisure.

Accept God's healing and salvation,

for they are gifts meant for you to have and to share.

We believe that God is shaping a new world where peace will reign. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Joyous Dialogue
A Virgin Most Pure

by Alice Jordan

+all who are able may stand

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