

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Alice Tremaine

Organ Voluntary

Tell Out, My Soul

setting by Charles Callahan

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

Lighting the Candle of Joy – Lucas Tremaine

Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

Say to those of a fearful heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

Behold! The glory of the Lord shines upon us!

Say to those with weak hands and feeble knees: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

Behold! In splendor the Lord dwells among us!

The barren lands burst into bloom; the desert erupts with delight, and we join creation's song:

Behold! In splendor the Lord dwells among us!

With joy in our hearts, let us worship God.

+Hymn 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... that we might conceive of communities where all people thrive

and embody Your vision of shalom. Amen.

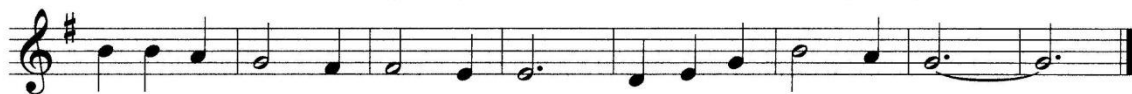
+Response

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

Jefferson Calico

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

AZMON

Come praise the Lord with all our lives, sing thanks and praise each day.

No other one is worth our hope, for God alone can save.

How blest are those who hope in You, Creator of all things.

You heal the sick, You feed the poor, Your presence justice brings.

The blind find sight, the fallen hope, You set the prisoner free.

You give the homeless living space, but fell the proud like trees.

Your reign, O Lord, will never end. How can we count its days?

All generations young and old shall live to sing Your praise.

- Fred Anderson

A Reading from the Epistles: James 5:7-11

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 32

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

HYMN TO JOY

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 1:39-56 Alice Tremaine & Jefferson Calico

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Singing in the Rain”

Alice Tremaine

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+Hymn

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

CAROL

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.

***For ages women hoped and prayed to bear th'anointed One.
Both Israel's Savior and the world's, the new day's shining sun.
Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,
If God's anointed graced their home in answer to their prayers?
Young Mary did not think to hope for miracles of birth,
And God chose her to be the one to make Christ's home on earth.
So Mary sang her heart-felt praise of God who sets things straight:
The mighty fall, the weak are raised, the hungry fill their plate.
Our hearts rejoice as Mary's song becomes our hymn of praise.
For Christ has come, Emmanuel, to claim our years and days.
Both present now and coming still, accomplished fact and dream.
We join the song that Mary sings, an earthly, heav'nly theme.***

- Jane Parker Huber

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

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

Offertory Anthem

Lo, How a Rose

setting by Deborah Govenor

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.
This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us, and lightens every load.*

- 15th century German carol

Prayers of the People

Jefferson Calico

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 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

+Commission and Blessing

Alice Tremaine

*Go forth with joy and singing, with gladness and hope,
proclaiming to all the majesty of God.
**We will establish our hearts for Christ's coming;
we will prepare the way for others to receive this Gift. Amen.***

Organ Postlude

Paeon on "Joy to the World"

by David Lasky

+all who are able may stand

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