

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *Prelude on the French Carol, NOEL NOUVELET* by John Barr
*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!*

Call to Worship Jeremiah Banks
*All God's people – boy and girls, women, men:
Come and worship!
Shepherds, Magi, saints and angels:
Come and worship!
All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!*

Hymn 126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession Paul Sims
God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You clothe us with Your love, but we do not always love one another. You wrap us in Your mercy, but we do not always forgive one another. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to follow Your way. Help us to grow each day in wisdom and in favor with You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Singing of Carols
Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO
*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*

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Away in a Manger

MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Nick Hibbard

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 Letter to the Churches
Colossians 3:12-17
Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Gospels
Luke 2:41-52
Paul Sims

Sermon
"Praise the LORD!"
Jeremiah Banks

Responding

Hymn 159
Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADERS' HYMN

Offertory Prayer
Paul Sims

Piano Offertory
Sing We Now of Christmas
J. P. Winchester
setting by Mark Hayes

Prayers of the People
Jeremiah Banks

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 heavenly 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
Jeremiah Banks and Paul Sims

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called into one body. And be thankful.
Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.*

Organ Postlude
Toccata on 'Sing We Now of Christmas'
by Anna Laura Page

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