

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Phil Majors

Organ Voluntary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

setting by Alice Jordan

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.

It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

This flower, 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

Lighting the Candle of Peace – Delilah and John Blevins

Call to Worship

Jefferson Calico

Can you imagine?

The wolf lives with the lamb; the leopard rests with the goat.

Can you imagine?

Knowledge of the Lord fills the land; righteousness reigns over the earth.

The Lord's light shines on a weary world – illuminating possibility, beckoning us to hope.

With peace in our hearts, let us worship God.

+Hymn 79

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... baptize us with Your Spirit, and claim us again
for Your holy work, until You come in glory. 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

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Jefferson Calico

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

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

HYMN TO JOY

Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.

Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.

Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.

Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.

See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.

Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.

Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.

Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.

Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

- Jim Miller

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

Phil Majors

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Who Warned You?”

Jefferson Calico

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+Hymn

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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.

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,

Calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:

“Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.

Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.”

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.

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Winchester

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

Offertory Anthem

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

setting by Hal Hopson

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;

Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,

And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;

O let Your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to You, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,

Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

- Charles Coffin

Prayers of the People

Phil Majors

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.*

+Sending Song

Song of Hope

Argentine Folk Song



Pray-ing, ___ let us work for peace, ___ sing-ing, ___ share our joy with all, ___
work-ing ___ for a world that's new, ___ faith-ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

*May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. **REFRAIN***

- Alvin Schutmaat

+Commission and Blessing

Jefferson Calico

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

***How good it is to visit God's holy mountain,
to have this time apart from our busy world.***

May you abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***How good it is to return to our busy world,
filled with new expectations and a renewed capacity to share.***

May you bear good fruit and live in harmony with all people. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

setting by Gerhard Krapf

+all who are able may stand

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