

# Worship for Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019  
Six O'clock in the Evening

## Organ Voluntaries

<i>Variations on GLORIA</i>	by David Lowe
<i>God Rest Ye Merry</i>	setting by David Lasky
<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	setting by Robert & Edward Smith
<i>Ding Dong, Merrily on High</i>	setting by Roy Bruner
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	setting by David Lasky
<i>Prelude on the French Carol, NOEL NOUVELET</i>	by John Barr

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Alex Lockridge

*Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.*

*The Promise is fulfilled!*

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.***

*Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.*

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.***

*Our candles illuminate our story.*

*Dawn invades midnight.*

*The Light of the World has come.*

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.***

*And this light is a light for all –*

*igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love,*

*lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh*

*within us and among us now and always.*

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.***

+Carol 103

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

+Act of Praise

ANTIOCH

***Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;***

***Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, ....***

- Isaac Watts

The First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Alex Lockridge
+Carol 124	<i>The First Nowell</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
The Second Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Paul Sims
Carol 111	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	CRADLE SONG
The Third Lesson	Luke 2:8-14	Jeremiah Banks
+Carol 125	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
The Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:15-20	Alex Lockridge
Carol	<i>O Holy Night</i> Carolyn Garr	by Adolphe Adam

*O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
 Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.  
 Chains shall be break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name.  
 Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.  
 - John Dwight*

+Affirmation of Faith Jeremiah Banks

*Let us say what we believe:*

***For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.***

- from Titus 2

+Carol 127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

## The Celebration of Communion

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

*Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of Your name:*

sung: ***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

*... with thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to Your service.*

***Amen.***

### Breaking the Bread; Blessing the Cup

### The Communion of the People

Please wait for an usher to direct you to receive communion. After receiving the elements, please return to your pew, be seated, and partake of communion. Should you wish to remain in your pew, an usher will serve you.

### Prayer after Communion

Alex Lockridge

### +Carol

*Silent Night! Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright***

***'Round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild,***

***Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.***

***Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,***

***Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,***

***Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,***

***Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night! Wondrous Star lend thy light;***

***With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;***

***Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.***

- Joseph Mohr

+Benediction

Jeremiah Banks, Alex Lockridge, & Paul Sims

*Go now, glorifying and praising God for all you have heard and seen.*

*Renounce ungodly living and unworthy desires, and take control of your lives with godliness and honor.*

*And may the God of grace increase your joy.*

*May Christ Jesus be born as Savior within you.*

*And may the Spirit, the Wonderful Counselor, make the good news known to you and through you. **Amen.***

Organ Postlude

*Paeon on ANTIOCH*

by David Lasky

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

setting by Alice Jordan

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+those who are able may stand

Jackson Lowe, acolyte

Ushers will be at exits to receive an offering that will be used throughout the coming year to help local families with emergency needs. Please give generously.

*The Advent Wreath is placed in loving memory of*

Felix and Mattie Pace

*and*

Leonard and Marie Leake

*by*

*Kevin and Sherry Pace*

*Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe*

Tonight's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.