

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on GREENSLEEVES

by Searle Wright

*What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherd's watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

- William C. Dix

Lighting the Candle of Love – The First Baptist Youth Group

Call to Worship

Jeremiah Banks

Look, O house of David! The Lord will give you a sign:

The young woman shall bear a child

and shall name him Immanuel –

God-with-us.

Listen, O house of David: The Lord draws near.

With love in our hearts, let us worship God!

+Hymn 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

Lord Christ, we anticipate Your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let Your face shine on us, that we might be saved.

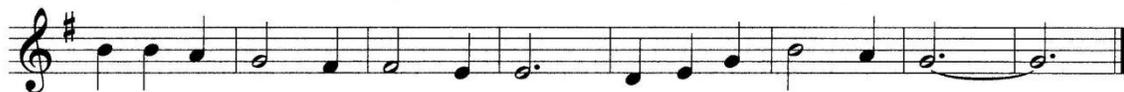
+Response

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

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16

Alex Lockridge

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 119

His Name Is Called Emmanuel

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 1:18-25

Paul Sims

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

Duet

Joy to the Word – The Savior Is Here

by C. & K. Grimm

Maria Lockridge and Alice Tremaine

Carolyn Garr, accompanist

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.

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

Joy to the world, hope for our souls, peace on the earth from heaven's light.

A child is born, we come and adore. There's nothing to fear, the Savior is here.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Joy to the world, hope for our souls, peace on the earth from heaven's light.

A child is born, we come and adore. There's nothing to fear, the Savior is here.

- based on a hymn by Isaac Watts

Sermon

"Choose Love – The Sign of Emmanuel"

Alex Lockridge

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+Hymn 112

Child in the Manger

BUNESSAN

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Alex Lockridge

All loose change received in December will benefit our church's benevolence ministries

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell!

by David M. Music

The Sanctuary Choir

Samuel Garr, accompanist

Alleluia! Gloria! Now sing we all Nowell! Oh, be joyful! On this day is born Emmanuel!

Children 'round the manger sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

As the shepherds once adored, kneeling to creation's Lord.

Sing a gentle lullaby for the Son of God most high.

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring:

News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

From out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:

"Glory to God, and peace to men – now and forevermore. Amen."

Alleluia! Gloria! Now sing we all Nowell! Oh, be joyful! On this day is born Emmanuel!

Remembering Our Past

Ed Younce

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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

+Hymn 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

*Go forth with joy and singing, with gladness and hope,
proclaiming to all the majesty of God.*

We know God is with us wherever we go.

God's strength and might sustain us always. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Sing We All of Christmas

setting by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

The Advent wreath is given in loving memory of

Felix and Mattie Pace

Leonard and Marie Leake

by

Kevin and Sherry Pace

Daniel and Lindsay Lowe, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson

Worship for Christmas Eve

Saturday at Six O'clock in the Evening

Worship for Christmas Day

Sunday Morning at Ten-thirty O'clock

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