

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Organ Voluntary

setting by Sam Batt Owens

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks:
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.*

*Then let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.*

- ancient Greek hymn

Lighting the Candle of Hope – Delilah Blevins

Call to Worship

Daniel Lowe

*Come all who seek truth – let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.*

*Come – all nations, all peoples – stream through open gates,
that we might gather in hallways of justice and courts of peace.*

*Come – children of God – let us walk in the light of the Lord!
With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.*

+Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... keep us ever watchful and awaken us to Your ways
as we wait in hope for the Light of the world. 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

Alice Tremaine

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

setting by Hal Hopson



*With joy I heard my friends exclaim: "Come let us in God's temple meet;"
Within your gates, O Zion blest shall ever stand our willing feet.*

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

*We come to learn the will of God, to pay our vows God's grace to own,
For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.*

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

*For Zion's peace let prayers be made; may all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide, and gladness with your children dwell.*

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. REFRAIN

- The Psalter, 1912

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 24:36-44

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn

The Days Are Surely Coming

AURELIA

*The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
When you will see My promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
And you will be delivered by My almighty hand.*

*The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
When you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
For I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.*

*The days are surely coming when we will know at last
The fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
And we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.*

- David Gambrell

Sermon

"Choose Hope: Look to the Mountain"

Alex Lockridge

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+Hymn 99

View the Present through the Promise

AR HYD Y NOS

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

Loose change received in November will be used to purchase
Christmas gifts for our White Flag participants

Offertory Anthem

The King Shall Come

setting by Austin Lovelace

*The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.
O brighter than the rising morn when he, victorious, rose,
And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.
O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we his face shall see!
The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings;
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings!*
- ancient Greek hymn

Remembering Our Past

Kevin Pace

Prayers of the People

Paul Sims

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

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation

*CWM RHONDDA

*Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!*

*We can now but tell the story of Your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold Your glory in Your coming back to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
Let each heart repeat the strain.*

*With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!*

- John MacDuff

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge

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

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist
Carolyn Garr, cantor

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

Today'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.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III

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