

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Preparation for Worship Instrumentalists

Chiming of the Hour

Advent Meditation

*Lo, in the silent night
A child to God is born
And all is brought again
That ere was lost or torn.*

*Could but thy soul, O man,
Become a silent night!
God would be born in thee
And set all things aright.*

- 15th century

Call to Worship (from Luke 1:46, 49) Christi Stancik

Opening Anthem Praise Team

“Holy Is He / Holy, Holy, Holy”

(The Congregation will be invited to sing a verse of Holy, Holy, Holy.)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name

In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

A Reading from Micah 5:2-5a Bill Harrison

†“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 -3) No. 86

†“While We Are Waiting, Come” CASON

While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting come.

Come Savior, quickly come;
Come Savior, quickly come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
Come Savior, quickly come.

Lighting the Peace Candle David & Rhonda Bridges

Sung Response KIRKPTRICK

We wait for the Peace of the world now to come;
The blessing of peace he bestows on each one.
The prophets foretold of his coming to earth,
Keep mindful and watchful for your Savior’s birth.

Children’s Sermon Kevin Collison

A Prayer for Peace Darrell Stancik

See Insert

†Offertory Song No. 89

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Musical Offering Garrett Garbee

“Carol of the Bells”

A Reading from Luke 1:46-55 Kevin Collison

The word of the Lord for God’s people.

Thanks be to God!

Message “God’s Parking Space”

Personal Reflection

*“No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor.
The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything,
look down on others, those who have no need even of God – for them
there will be no Christmas... Without poverty of spirit there can
be no abundance of God.” - Oscar Romero*

Hymn of Response No. 249

“Glorify Thy Name”

Departing Song No. 86

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 4)

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Benediction Kevin Collison

The Week Ahead at FBC

Sunday, December 20th

6:00 pm Adult 1 Christmas Party, at Garbee home

Monday, December 21st

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

Wednesday, December 23rd

No Wednesday Evening activities

Thursday, December 24th

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Our Guests

We are honored that you joined us in worship today, and we would like to invite you back. We hope that worshipping with our church will be a meaningful experience for you. Please consider filling out a guest card to place in the offering plate.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church or in making a decision of faith, please come forward during the Hymn of Response or visit with the pastor after the service.



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