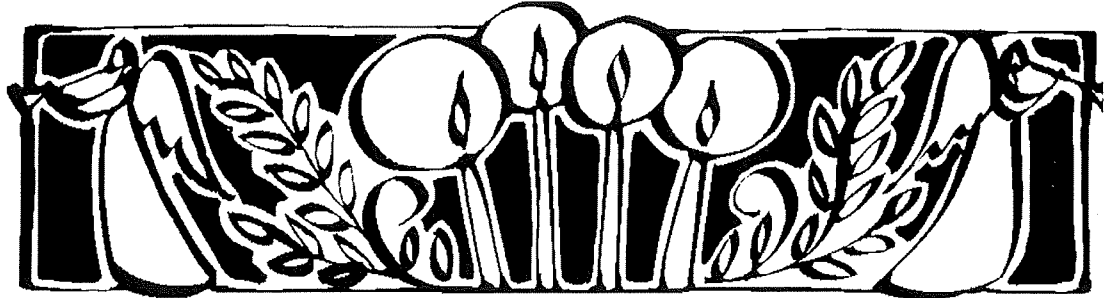


FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH

December 12, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Third
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Variations on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A. Fedak

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-SO-SO

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#154 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Unison

Em Bm G Am Am G D G D Bm C G

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Am Em Bm Em Am Am Em B7 Em Bm C D Em

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain (Harmony)

D Bm G G Am Am G D G D Em Bm G

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Am Am G D Em D G G C G Am Em D Em

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we try to create joy
by our own busy activity.
We shop, wrap presents, decorate and cook.
We get pointed in the wrong direction
and make the season mostly about our own effort.
Turn our hearts and minds from concerns with
ourselves and the values of our culture
to the deep eternal truths you came to proclaim.
Help us to quietly seek the real Advent message
of God with us – Emmanuel.
Draw us back to You, the source and center of Joy.
May our hearts, so full of so much,
be filled with your spirit of love and generosity.
Enable us to let go of things that don't matter
and find our true joy in You.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Magnificat

Adrienne Sitko, soprano

arr. A. Bullard

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:12-17

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Joy)

#178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (before & after lighting)

Unison

Chord symbols for the first system: C, C/E, F, Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#.

Chord symbols for the second system: Dm, G, G/B, C, C/E, F.

Chord symbols for the third system: Dm7, G7, C, Gm6/Bb, A, A7/C#, Dm, F/G, G13, C, F/C, C.

Lyrics: Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el, his name is called Em-man-u-el. God with us, re-vealed in us, his name is called Em-man-u-el.

WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee (1944-)
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One: Today we light three candles. The candle of hope, the candle of peace and the candle of joy.

During Advent, we wait for the One promised in scripture.

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

One: We wait for the One whose power knows no limits, whose strength knows no end.

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

One: We wait for the One whose light can illuminate the darkest night.

Many: And he is named Mighty God.

We wait for the One who restores us,
who brings joy in the morning.

All: And he is named Mighty God.

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#169 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

N.C. Gm Am7(b5) Gm Am7(b5) D7sus D7
G G G F#

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, his
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, all
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head. "To
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in

Gm Am7(b5) Gm G/Bb Dsus Dm Gm Gm/Bb
G G G

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame, "All
gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, your
me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, and

$\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F7}{C}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ Bb $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ $F2$ F $\frac{Bb}{D}$

hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told," Most
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." Most
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

$\frac{Cm}{Eb}$ $D7sus$ $D7$ Eb $Cm7$ $\frac{G}{Bb}$ $Dsus$ Dm Gm

high - ly fa - vored Ma - ry, glo - ri - a!

WORDS: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.
 MUSIC: Basque melody; arr. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943), John Wickham (20th c.)
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GABRIEL'S MESSAGE
 10.10.12.10.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROL OF MEDITATION

#166 Wait for the Lord (sing 3x)

Taizé Community

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second system has seven measures with lyrics: 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The score includes a vocal line and a bass line with chord symbols above the vocal line.

Em C Am6 B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em D G Em Am B Em

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

WORDS and MUSIC: Taizé Community

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SECOND READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. T. Shaw

***Offertory Response**

So, bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,

Come, peasant, king, to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings,

Let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#710 The Trees of the Field

S. G. Rubin

Unison Em B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

G $\frac{C}{G}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{B}{D\#}$ N.C. Em B7 Em

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,

Em B7 Em B7 Em $\frac{B}{F\#}$ $\frac{Am}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{B}$ B7 Em

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C/G G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the

D D7 G D7 G C/G G

trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

D B/F# Am/F# Em/B B7 Em

clap their hands while you go out with joy.

WORDS: Steffi Geiser Rubin (1950-); para. Isaiah 55:12
 MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann (1944-)
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THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Advent Benediction**
 Blessing

Dengler & Dengler

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

People, Look East!

arr. K. Langois

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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