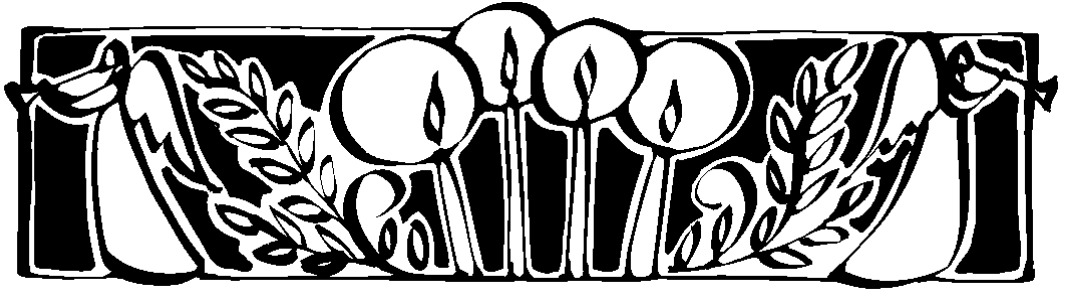


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

December 5, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Second  
Sunday after  
Christmas



## **PRELUDE**

From Heaven on High to Earth I Come

VARIOUS COMPOSERS

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL

Unison  
N.C. F B $\flat$  D F C C B $\flat$  F A B $\flat$ 6

1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re-deem-er  
 3 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels

an-gels bring; on Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since  
 sing this night; all out of dark-ness we have light, which

hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy; news of great  
 our Re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God and peace to

mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful King's birth.  
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?  
 men, now and for-ev-er-more. A-men."

## **\*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**

Dear God,  
You made us in your image,  
you call all of creation good,  
yet we still try to divide people into “us” and “them.”  
You send us Jesus, the Prince of Peace,  
you show us how to love one another,  
yet we say and do hurtful things.  
You feed us with our daily bread,  
you invite us to share what we can,  
yet we try to hold on to gifts meant for all.  
*Forgive us, we pray,*  
*for failing to learn and do what you have tried to teach us.*  
Open our eyes, hearts and hands  
to your ways of compassion, care and generosity.  
This we ask as children made in your image,  
safe in your love,  
and showered by your grace.  
*(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.

# FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#229 The First Noel (sing vs. 1-5)

THE FIRST NOEL

D Bm A A7/G D/F# F#m G D G D/F# Dmaj7 A7/E

1 The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, full rev - erent  
6 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

D/F# G A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D A7 D Bm Asus A A7/G D/F# G

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great  
came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -  
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and  
ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in his pres -  
to our heav - en - ly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of

D G D/F# Dmaj7 A7/E D/F# G A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D A7 D Bm

Refrain

sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -  
stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Chords: F#m, D, G, D, A/C#, Bm, F#m/A, G, D, A7/E, D/F#, D/A, A7, D

WORDS: English carol  
 MUSIC: W. Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833; arr. John Stainer (1840-1901)

THE FIRST NOEL  
 Irregular

## SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

## SERMON "Gifts of the Grateful"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

## \*HYMN OF APPROACH

#180 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

Chords: F, Fdim7, F, F#dim7/Bb, Gm/Bb, F/C, C7, F

F  $\frac{F}{E\flat}$  D D7 Gsus Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love,  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

F  $\frac{Edim}{G}$  G#dim7 A N.C.  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  A

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

F Fdim7 F Bb+  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{G7}{D}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  C7 F

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

WORDS: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)  
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

ST. LOUIS  
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## **GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

**The Bread**

**The Cup**

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate*

## **WORDS FOR THE SHARING**

One: In an upper room, with his friends,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it.

He gave it to his friends, and asked them to remember him.

He picked up a cup of wine,

he poured it out and shared it.

Again, he gave thanks and asked his friends to remember him.

"Do this in remembrance of me."

**Many: We now remember Jesus**

**-- his life of love and forgiveness**

**-- how he gathered little children and blessed them**

**-- how he cared for the sick and healed them**

**-- how he invited people like us to be his followers**

**-- how he promised to come alongside us**

**in sadness and gladness,**

**and be with us always.**

One: We gather today, around this table and many tables.

Separated by distance but united by the Spirit of God.

***All: As we eat the bread and drink the cup,***

***may the risen Christ fill our bodies***

***so we might be the hands, feet and voice***

***of Jesus to a world that needs to be***

***healed and loved.***

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory

From Heaven on High to Earth I Come

JOHANN PACHELBEL

## \*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!

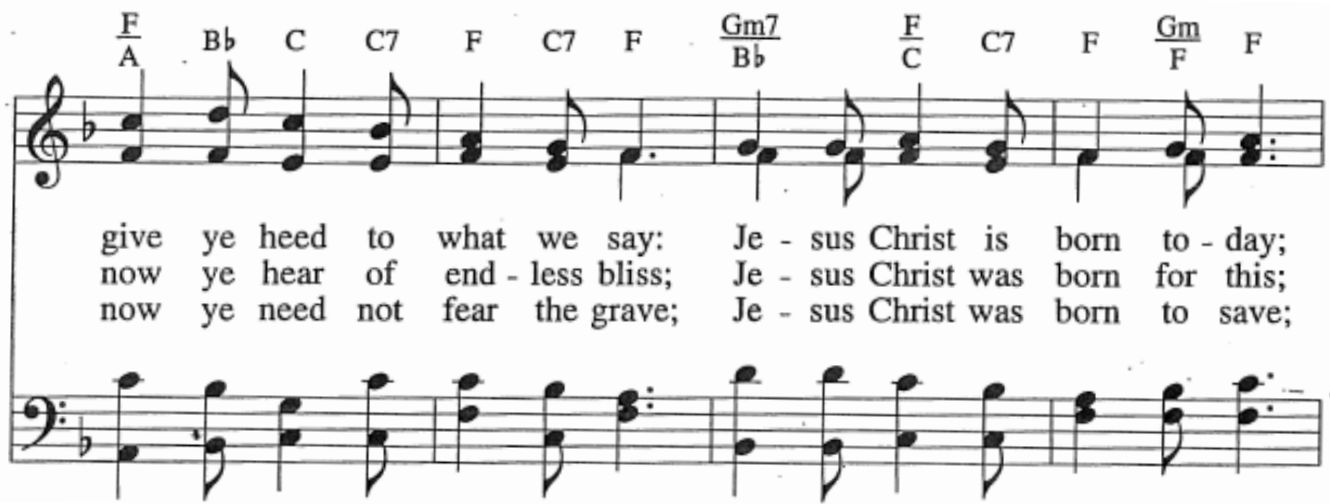
## \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this;  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save;

F A Bb F A C7 G F C7 Dm F A Gm7 Bb F C C7 F Gm F  
 ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 he has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm F A7sus E A7 E Dm C F Dm Gm7 Bb C F  
 Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Latin carol, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th c.

IN DULCI JUBILO  
 Irregular

## **\*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.

## **\*The Sending of the Community**

## **\*Congregational Amen**

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

## **\*POSTLUDE**

Sussex Carol

DALE WOOD

## ***\*Please stand, as you are able.***

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leading: Warren Tasker, Gordon Dinwoodie

Guest Organist - Lori Klingbeil

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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