

CAROL (please remain seated)

#186 Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

*Ministry staff will light the candles from the centre aisle.
Please help to pass the flame along to others,
once you have received it.
Hold the lit candles vertically to avoid dripping wax.*

***WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Ryan Sato

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#185 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

POSTLUDE

He Is Born!

D. Bédard

*** Please stand as you are able**

Special thanks to the Choir, Readers, and Ushers
Casey Mingay, trumpet
Sound and Video Tech: Evan Adnams

*Thanks for being a part of First Baptist Church's
annual Candlelight Service.*

*As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we pray that you will experience
the presence of the living Christ tonight
and in the days ahead.
May the peace of Christ be with you!*

FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato, Senior Minister

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults and Outreach

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

*As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members
who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing
perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church.
Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023
8:00 pm
CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PRELUDE

On Christmas Night
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
arr. R. Milford
arr. J. Leavitt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. Jeremy Keay

CHRISTMAS INTROIT
Sing We Now of Christmas
NOËL NOUVELET

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ryan Sato

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**
#183 Once in Royal David's City
IRBY

***INVOCATION PRAYER** Dawn Stiles

**THE PROPHET FORETELLS
THE COMING OF THE SAVIOUR**

Isaiah 9:2-7
Rev. Jeremy Keay

ANTHEM
Invocation for Advent
D. Besig

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

***CAROL**
#154 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

THE ANGEL GABRIEL SPEAKS TO MARY

Luke 1:26-35, 38
Dawn Stiles

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dawn Stiles

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Luke 2:1-7
Warren Tasker

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Mid-winter
arr. L. Shackley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Ryan Sato

Tonight, we conclude our Advent journey as we light the Christ Candle.

As the flame begins to burn,
the angles sing, the shepherds draw near, and the Magi offer their gifts.
We, too, are here to offer our gifts
and to sing praise to God as they did so long ago in Bethlehem.

Let your Spirit shine in our hearts;
let your Love shine in our world;
and let the wonder of this night touch all of our hearts
as the Christ-child invites us into God's love.
Amen

THE ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-20
Gwen Borowski

***CAROL**
#188 Angels We Have Heard On High
GLORIA

VISITORS FROM THE EAST, LED BY A STAR TO JESUS

Matthew 2:1-12
Amanda Strain

***CAROL**
#229 The First Noel
THE FIRST NOEL

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS / OFFERTORY
Angels from the Realms of Glory
arr. E. Johnson

**JOHN THE BELOVED, TELLS OF THE ONE
WHO COMES TO US IN HISTORY,
MYSTERY AND MAJESTY**

John 1:1-9, 14
Rev. Ryan Sato