



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 24, 2023 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

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

F C7 G F A F F C C7 F Dm F A F Bb F C C'

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of
3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he
4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing

F C7 G F A F G7 D G7 C7 F Dm

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and
 love; for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our

F A F Bb F C C F Bb Bb D F C7sus C7

man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall: with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew: and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove: and he leads his chil - dren

F Bb Bb D Fsus F Bb F C C F

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly lived on earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he has gone.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)
 MUSIC: Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

IRBY
 8.7.8.7.7.7.

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

WORDS: Latin, 9th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866); vss. 3 and 4 tr. Henry S. Coffin (1877-1954)
MUSIC: French melody, 15th c.; harm. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

VENI EMMANUEL
L.M.Ref.

Unison

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

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 $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ 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.

$\frac{Am}{C}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em

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

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 angels 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

F Am Gm7 C7 F C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

F Am Dm7 $\frac{C7}{E}$ F C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say, what may the ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

F Dm Gm7 C Fmaj7 Bb C/E C

Glo - - - - - ri - a

F/A C F Bb F/C C F Dm Gm7 C

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -

Fmaj7 Bb C/E C F/A C F Bb F/C C7 -F

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

VISITORS FROM THE EAST, LED BY A STAR TO JESUS

Matthew 2:1-12

Amanda Strain

***CAROL**
#229 The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

D Bm A $\frac{A7}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ F#m G D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Dmaj7 $\frac{A7}{E}$



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



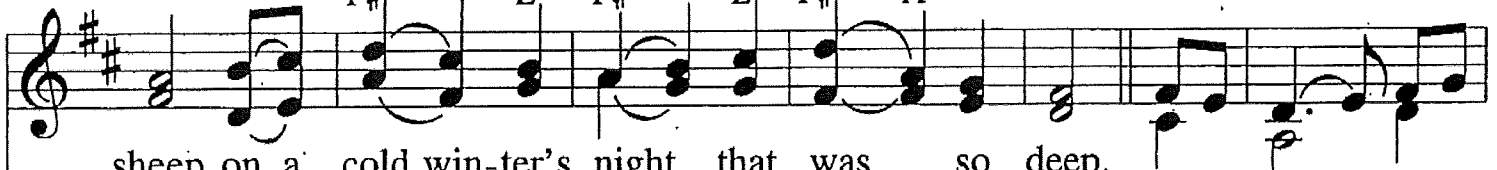
$\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D A7 D Bm Asus A $\frac{A7}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G



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 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Dmaj7 $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D A7 D Bm



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.



F#m D G D A C# Bm F#m G D A7 E D F# D A A7 D

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

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

THE FIRST NOEL
Irregular

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

CAROL (please remain seated)

#186 Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Bb F7 Bb

1 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight,
3 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

Eb Bb Eb Bb

'round you vir - gin moth-er and child; ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and
glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le - lu -
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing

F7 Bb $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F F7 Bb

mild, sleep in heav-en-ly peace, sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 ia; Christ, the Sav-ior, is born! Christ, the Sav-ior, is born!
 grace, Je-sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je-sus, Lord, at thy birth.

WORDS: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John F. Young (1820-1885)
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

STILLE NACHT
 Irregular

*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. Jeremy Keay

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#185 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ Am Bb2 $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King;
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

F $\frac{F}{C}$ C Dm $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{G9}{B}$ $\frac{G7}{B}$ Am $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Fmaj7 G7 C

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

N.C. $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C N.C. $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B \flat B \flat maj9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ D7 Gm $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C F

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

B \flat B \flat maj9 $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ D Gm $\frac{Gm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C \flat F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

MENDELSSOHN
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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

