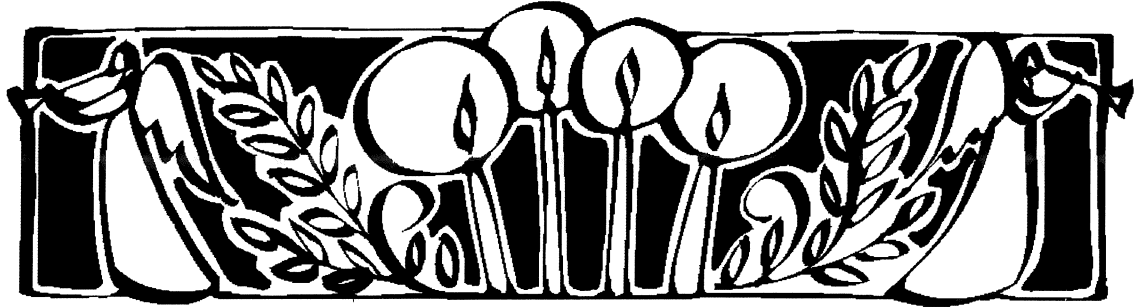


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Fourth
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Meditation on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

P. Fey

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

O Come, Emmanuel

P.P. Olejar

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

#161 People Look East

BESANÇON

N.C. $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Bm A D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ A Esus E

1 Peo-ple, look east, the time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2 Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
 4 An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to

A $\frac{A}{G}$ D Bm7 $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D A D

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
 brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the

Em $\frac{A7}{E}$ Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D N.C. D A D

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:
 hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
 course the flow-er may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. Peo-ple, look east:

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ D Asus A D

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
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 Music Arr. © 1928 Oxford University Press

BESANÇON
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***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 (Church of Scotland)

God of promises,
when we get tired of waiting,
when we expect the worst in each other,
when we dim our lights so there's more for us,
love us back to life.

Shine Your light on our path
so we can find You and each other.
Magnify Your vision in our lives.
Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

R. Goodson

ANTHEM

Advent Proclamation

L. Dengler

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5

Pages 966, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*CAROL OF PRAISE

#165 When God Is a Child

GATES

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)
MUSIC: John Carter (1930-)
Words © 1989 Hope Publishing Company
Music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

GATES
Irregular

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the

weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -

fraid. fraid.

1	Hope	is	a	star	that
2	Peace	is	a	rib - bon	that
3	Joy	is	a	song	that
4	Love	is	a	flame	that

shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright. When
cir - cles the earth, giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth. When
wel - comes the dawn, tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born. When
burns in our heart, Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part. When

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Love)

ANTHEM

Advent's Holy Light

J. Raney

LITANY

Love creates the bonds that provide us
with deep meaningful relationships.

The greatest of all gifts is love.

Love inspires random acts of kindness and generosity.

The greatest of all gifts is love.

Love causes us to only look for the best in others.

The greatest of all gifts is love.

Love allows us to be accepted for who we are, flaws and all.

The greatest of all gifts is love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CAROL OF MEDITATION

#173 Magnificat (Sing Out, My Soul)

Sing 3x

Taizé Community

I G C D7 G

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

II C D7 G

Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

III C D7 G

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.

Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!
Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

WORDS: Taizé Community, 1978; para. Luke 1:46
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
 Words and Music © 1979 Les Presses de Taizé (Admin. GIA Publications)

SECOND READING

Luke 1:39-55

Page 58, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*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!

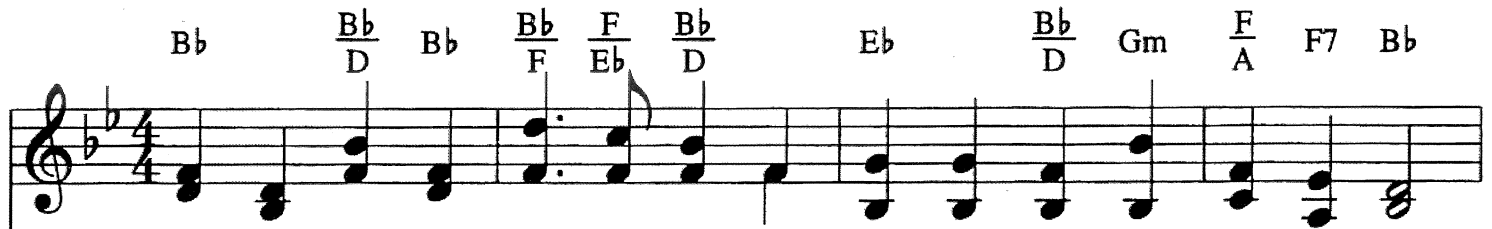
*Prayer of Gratitude

*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY

#189 Angels From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

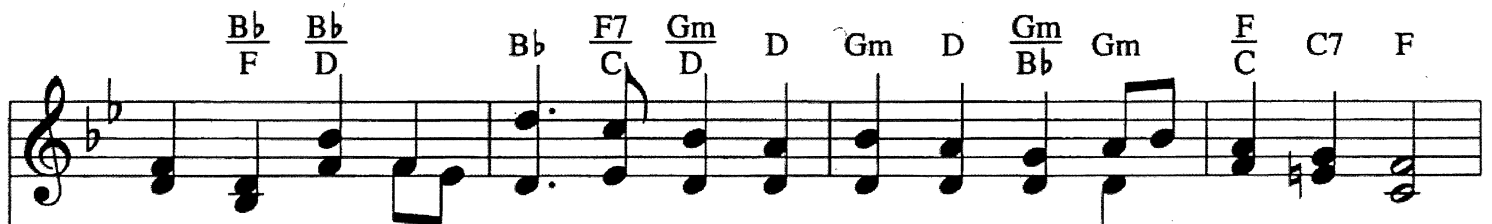
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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



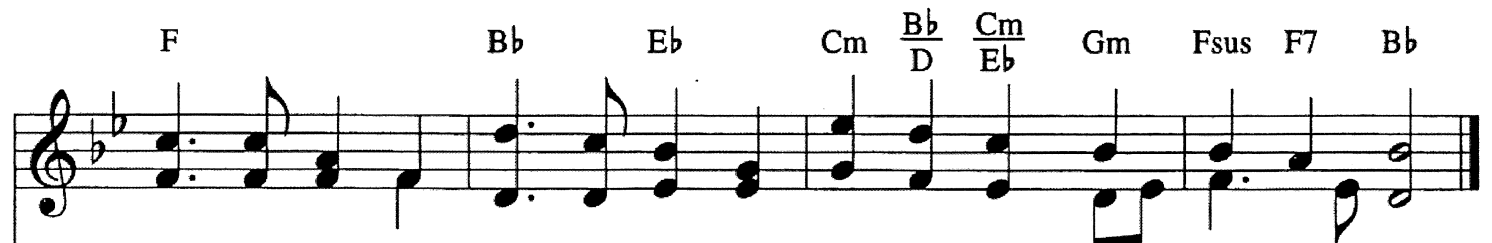
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you who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions, you have seen the na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



F B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat /D Cm/E \flat Gm F^{sus} F7 B \flat



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



***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.

***Choral Benediction**

Blessing

S. & L. Dengler

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Variations and Carillon on "People Look East"

M. Himmelman

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Prayers of the People - Becky Bonham;

Readers - Dawn Stiles, Sandra Beckman;

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist, Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council