



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

**December 24, 2024 8:00 p.m.**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE 2024**

### ***CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE***

#### **PRELUDE**

The First Noel

G. van Hoef

#### **CHRISTMAS INTROIT**

Hodie, Christus natus est

arr. C. Dyck

#### **WELCOMING PRAYER**

Dawn Stiles

#### **CANDLE-LIGHTING LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Hope is:

**trusting that there is light, even in the dark.**

Peace is:

**the wolf lying down with the lamb.**

Joy is:

**contagious sounds of Alleluia.**

Love is:

**unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.**

Christmas is:

**a love song to the world; the light that shines in the darkness. Let us make a joyful noise! Let us worship God.**

G D7 A G D F# A7 E D G/B C G/D D G

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

**MARY**

Luke 1:26-38

**ANTHEM**  
Magnificat

Taizé Community

**TRAVEL**

Luke 2:1-7

**\*CAROL**

#203 Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

*Unison (or Duet)*

F Bb F C7

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for -

\*CAROL

#193 Sing We Now of Christmas

NOËL NOUVELET

Unison

Em

A  
E

Em

A

Em  
B

B

Em



1 7 Sing we now of Christ - mas, No - el, sing we here!  
 2 7 An - gels called to shep - herds, "Leave your flocks at rest,  
 3 In Beth - le - hem they found him; Jo - seph and Ma - ry mild,  
 4 7 From the east - ern coun - try came the kings a - far,  
 5 7 Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of great - est price;



A  
E

Em

A

Em  
B

B

Em



Hear our grate - ful prais - es to the Babe so dear.  
 jour - ney forth to Beth - le - hem, find the lamb - kin blest."  
 seat - ed by the man - ger, watch - ing the ho - ly child.  
 bear - ing gifts to Beth - le - hem guid - ed by a star.  
 there was ne'er a place on earth so like par - a - dise.



Refrain

B  
D#

Em

B



Sing we No - el, the King is born, No - el!



# 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.*

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,

'round yon 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 - dant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing

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.

A7 D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{Em}{G}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

ANTIOCH  
C.M.Repeats

## POSTLUDE

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!

P. Lehenbauer

\*Please stand as you are able

Special thanks to the Acolytes, Choir, Handbell Ringers & Ushers.  
 Sound and Video Tech: Evan Adnams

*Thank you 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. Allan Effa, Transitional 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