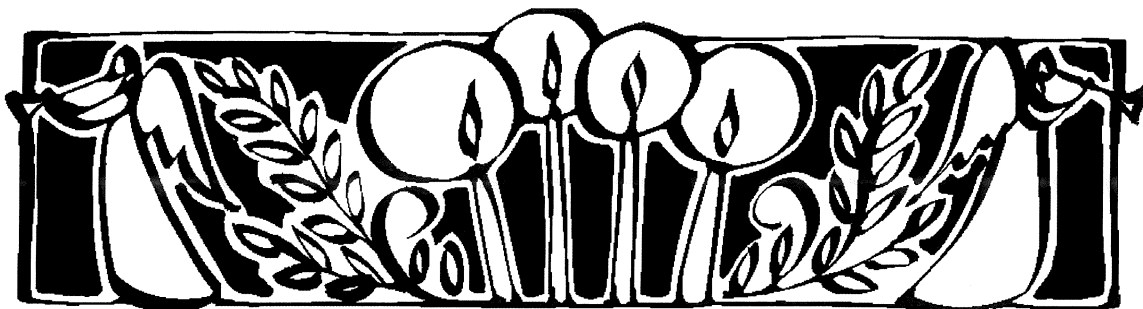


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

January 5, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Second  
Sunday after  
Christmas



## PRELUDE

Echo Noel

arr. D Bish

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

#182 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

WORDS: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)  
MUSIC: John F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES  
Irregular

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

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

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

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

G/B Am G D7/A G D/F# G Em Am/C D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*

G D G D7 G D G D7 G D

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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.

**\*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 (Common Prayer)**

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
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

# FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pages 204, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## \*CAROL OF REFLECTION

#229 The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

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

THE FIRST NOEL  
Irregular

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

*Refrain*

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

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

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

### SECOND READING

John 1:1-14

Pages 94, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

### SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

**\*HYMN OF APPROACH**

**#191 It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

CAROL

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ +  $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F9}{A}$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$   $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{G}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  C7 F

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

N.C. B $\flat$  B $\flat$ +  $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F9}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{D}$  E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heaven-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world;  
 when, with the ev-er-cir-cling years, shall come the time fore-told,

N.C. D  $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{Gm}{B\mathbb{b}}$  D Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\mathbb{b}}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F

“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, from heaven’s all gra-cious King”:  
 a-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,  
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,

F7 Bb Bb+  $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$  Bb  $\frac{F9}{A}$  Bb  $\frac{B\flat}{D}$  Eb F7 Bb

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

WORDS: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)  
 MUSIC: Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)

CAROL  
 C.M.D.

## 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*

# CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. C Tornquist

### \*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

### \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$      $\frac{C}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     F     $\frac{Bb}{F}$     C

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;

$\frac{F}{A}$     Bb    C    C7    F    C7    F     $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$      $\frac{F}{C}$     C7    F     $\frac{Gm}{F}$     F

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;



$\frac{F}{A}$   $Bb$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  F C7 Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F  $\frac{Gm}{F}$  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.

$\frac{Dm}{F}$   $\frac{A7sus}{E}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  Dm C F Dm  $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$  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**

Recessional on I Saw Three Ships

arr. D Wagner

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leading - Marilyn Cox;

Scripture Reading - Marilyn Cox, Ron Cox;

Communion Preparation - Norm Hill, Barb Falk;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist, Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council