

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.





PRELUDE

Echo Noel arr. D Bish

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

#182 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*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

R. Goodson

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.

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

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"

Rev. Jeremy Keay SERMON

(Silence for personal reflection)

*HYMN OF APPROACH

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

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

*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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Rev. Dr. Allan Effa, Transitional Senior Minister Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, 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