

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 24, 2025 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025 CANDLELIGHT AND CAROLS SERVICE

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella What Shall We Sing for the Child?

Trad. French Carol H. Helvey

GATHERING

CHRISTMAS INTROITSing We Now of Christmas

NOËL NOUVELET

WELCOMING PRAYER

Dawn Stiles

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING

Prepare The Way J. Raney

CANDLELIGHTING LITANY

Leader: Tonight we light all of the Advent candles - hope, peace, joy, love, and now finally, the Christ candle. On this holy night,

we gather in anticipation, remembering the birth of our Saviour.

We welcome the coming of Christ.

In the darkness of the world, a light shines, bringing hope, peace, and joy to all.

We welcome the coming of Christ.

The angel's song echoes in our hearts:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all."

We welcome the coming of Christ.

With the shepherds, we come to the stable, eager to behold the child, the Saviour of the world, lying in a manger.

We welcome the coming of Christ.

In the midst of our busy lives, we pause and bow before the newborn King, whose birth brings salvation to all people.

We welcome the coming of Christ.

O God, with grateful hearts, we open ourselves to the peace and love that Christ brings, knowing that in him, all things are made right.

Tonight the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we rejoice in the gift of your Son.

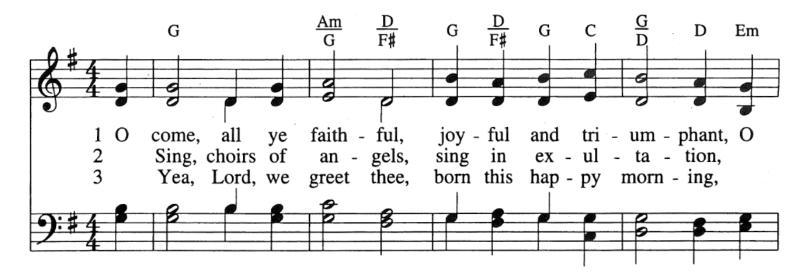
May we live in the light of his love this Christmas and always.

We welcome the coming of Christ.

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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MARY

Luke 1:26–38 Dawn Stiles

ANTHEM

There is No Rose of Such Virtue

arr. S. Caracciolo

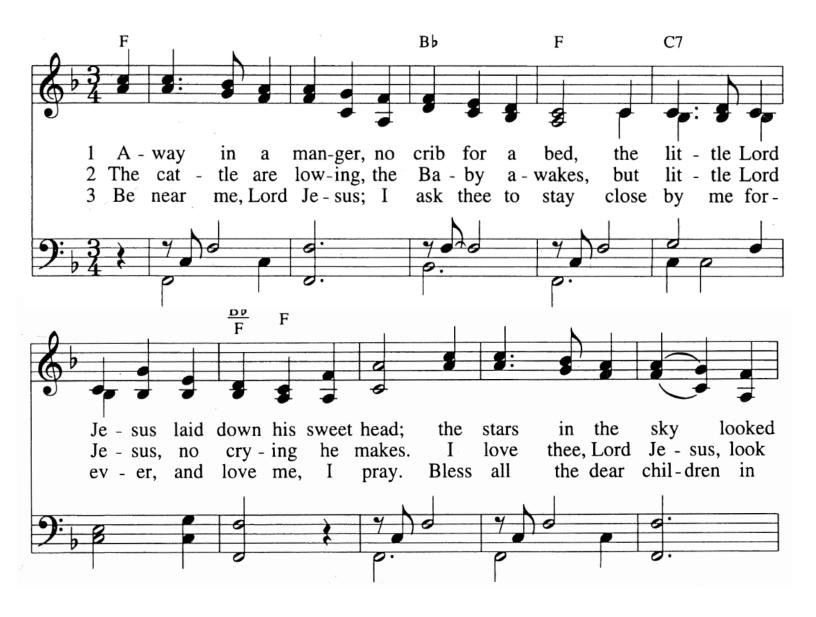
TRAVEL

Luke 2:1-7 Evelyn Grieger

*CAROL

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER





WORDS: Anonymous, 1885; vs. 3 John Thomas McFarland (1851-1913) MUSIC: James R. Murray (1841-1905)

AWAY IN A MANGER 11.11.11.11.

SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-16 Amanda Strain

*CAROL

While by the Sheep JÜNGST

MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12 Jeremy Keay

ANTHEM

Bethlehem of Noblest Cities H. Helvey

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Trad. English Carol

*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

John 1:1-14 Dawn Stiles

*CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



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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.



*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH





POSTLUDE

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. H. Helvey

Special thanks to the Choir and Greeters/Ushers; Leanne Regehr and Jerrold Eilander, Piano 4-hands; Nathan Olanday, Pianist; Barbara Falk, Administrator; Evan Adnams, Sound and Video Tech.

Thank you for being a part of First Baptist Church's annual Candlelight and Carols 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. 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

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^{*}Please stand as you are able