

The First Baptist Church at Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday  
December 1, 2019 10:00 AM

## The Gathering

*The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.*

THE PRELUDE R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ..... Paul Manz  
“Wachet auf” and “Savior of the Nations Come” ..... J. S. Bach

## In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY  
TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT #343 *His Name Is Wonderful*  
Audrey Mieir

*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
Jesus the Lord; He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus the Lord.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. David Coggins

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
VENI EMMANUEL

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19<sup>th</sup>-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Jon & Julia Wolfe,  
Emily & Brian Crowley and Logan & Reagan

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing  
came into being. What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.*

~John 1:1-5

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR HOPE Crowley Family

O God, we thank you for the beauty and hope the lighting of one candle can give. Darkness and despair back away from the flickering flame, and there is life-giving warmth. Thank you for the gift of hope in your Beloved Son, whose love is the light of our life.  
**Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*  
ITLIBET

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!**  
**Look to God, do not be afraid.**  
**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,**  
**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

\*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)*

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

*(Please be seated.)*

## Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Tim Holmen

**Isaiah 2:1-5:** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON Rev. Coggins

**Romans 13:8-14:** Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder;

You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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**People: Thanks be to God!**

TELLING THE GOSPEL Rev. Mark Craig

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.  
**People: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN #83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

This 17<sup>th</sup>-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Alspaugh

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER #111 (v.3) *Away In a Manger*  
CRADLE SONG

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM Justin Seay, Soloist

Recitative and Aria from Messiah ..... G. F. Handel

Comfort Ye and Every Valley

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain.*

THE SERMON Rev. Alspaugh  
"Awake, Alert, Ready – The Remix"

Holy Communion  
(Celebrants: Rev. Alspaugh, Rev. Coggins)

PREPARATION TIME Organ Interlude

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Alspaugh

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD

#456 (vs. 1 & 3) I Come With Joy ..... DOVE OF PEACE  
Chancel Choir & Congregation

SHARING THE CUP Rev. Coggins

#460 (vs. 3) Here, O My Lord ..... ELLERS  
Chancel Choir & Congregation

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Responding to God

THE OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

Bless This House ..... May H. Brahe

*Bless this house, O Lord, we pray, Make it safe by night and day; Bless these walls so firm and stout. Keeping want and trouble out, Bless the roof and chimneys tall; let Thy peace lie over all; Bless this door, that it may prove Ever open to joy and love. Bless these windows shining bright, letting in God's heavenly light; Bless the hearth a-blazing there; with smoke ascending like a prayer; Bless the folk who dwell within, Keep them pure and free from sin. Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with thee. Bless us all that one day we may dwell, O Lord, with Thee.*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #335 (v.3) Praise the Lord!  
HYFRYDOL

**Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee; young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heave adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne; as thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Holmen

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Alspaugh

(Persons wishing to make known a decision to follow Christ as Lord or to join First Baptist Church are invited to come forward while the organist plays the first verse of the recessional hymn. You may join First Baptist Church by transfer of letter, statement of faith, or baptism. The pastor will greet you as you come forward this morning.)

ACOLYTES ENTER ON LAST VERSE OF HYMN

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #90 People, Look East  
BESANCON

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT AND LEAD THE PASTORS OUT,  
SYMBOLICALLY CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL Rev. Alspaugh

CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!*

\*POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

"Savior of the Nations Come" ..... J. S. Bach

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!



Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

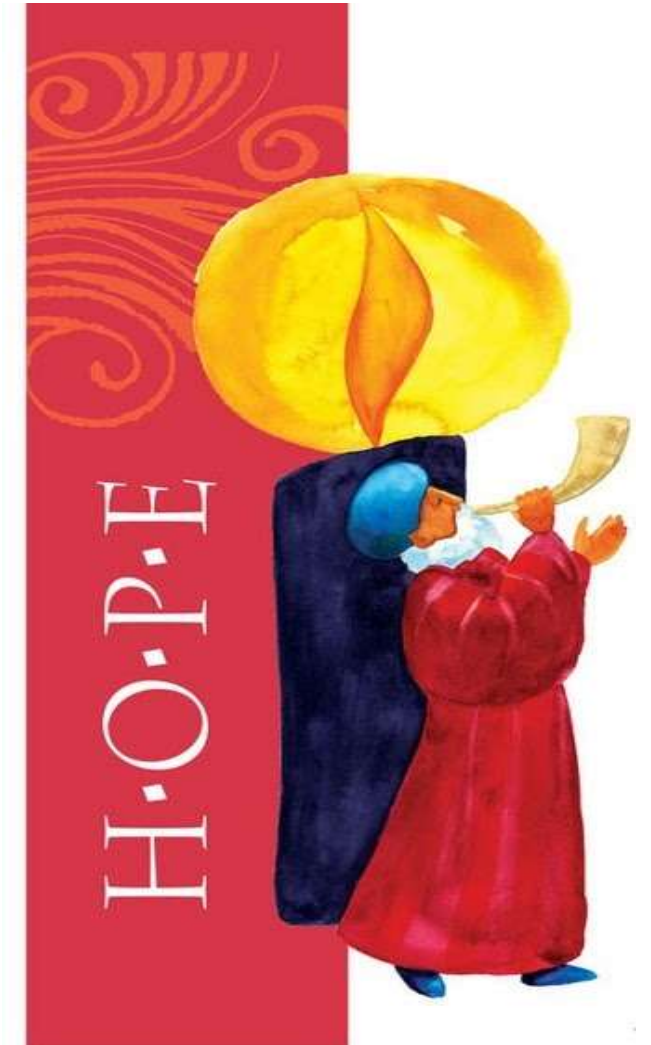
(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

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| Sharon Appelt       | Downs Family        | Rose Peacock          |
| Kenneth Barger      | Jim Earnest         | Ron Petry             |
| Rebecca Bauer       | Lavanda Ferguson    | Ron Pipenger          |
| Marlen Berghuis     | Ken Gordon          | Susan Reichard        |
| Jessica Blair       | Bev Harrell         | Judy See              |
| Don Brown           | Linda Haskin        | Ed Soloski            |
| Jessica Brown       | Barbara Jett        | Emily Taylor          |
| Robert Brown        | Judy Kelly          | Torrey Thrash         |
| Lynn Chadbourne     | Lenore Kimbrough    | Jim & Anne Veghte     |
| Sydney Chadbourne   | Anna Frances Lasley | Sara Vice             |
| Tami Malone Charles | Vincent Liss        | Peggie Worthey        |
| Andy Collier        | Tim Meador          | <b>Military Duty:</b> |
| Marilyn Craig       | Arthur Merkle       | Sebastian Ewald       |
| Pamela Cress        | Palmer Family       | Brittany Kalbfleisch  |
| Florida Dixon       | Mary Ann Paloncy    | Andy Wilson           |

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