

# *Christmas Eve Service*

*Second Baptist Church*

*December 24, 2020*



*The Church Gathers and Prepares . . .*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Larry Landusky

**WELCOME**

Sheryl Gallarneau

*The Lord of light be with you.  
And also with you.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Spann

*We count it in mere hours now.  
Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.  
Soon the Light will shine in the darkness.  
Soon the Baby will be born.  
Soon God will once again break into our lives,  
coming in a way that is expected yet unusual,  
challenging our expectations  
and calling us to see life differently.*

*God of birth, God of light,  
reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.  
We pray in the name of the Child  
who even now is making his way into our world.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## SONG OF EXPECTATION

Hannah Hansard, Betsy Bass  
Mark Bass, Steve Corley

*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*  
Hope, peace, joy and love  
These are gifts You bring from above  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
Life-giving Light, reflected in me

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Allison and Jake Maxwell Family

## \*INVOCATION

Savanna Craft

# *... To Worship and Praise God ...*

## INTRODUCING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Sheryl Gallarneau

### LUKE 2:1-5

Tessa Goodman

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.



### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.



<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”



### *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



### *What Child is This?*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

PROCLAMATION IN SONG

Madeline Powell

### *Breath of Heaven*

composed by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

HOMILY

Jake Maxwell

# *... To Respond to God's Word ...*

\*CANDLE LIGHTING

Scott Herrington

*You are invited to light a candle as we sing Silent Night  
and celebrate the coming of Love's Pure Light!*



## *Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light;  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
“Alleluia! Hail the King! Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.

*... To Love and Serve the World with God. Amen.*

**\*BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

Jake Maxwell

**\*SONG OF DEPARTING**

GO TELL IT

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

**POSTLUDE**

Marilyn Arland

*Thank you for joining us today!*





# *Poinsettias*

## *Given in Memory of:*

Dr. Charles Bradley  
Dr. Robert, Jeanne & Beverly Maul  
Sammie Corley  
Jonanna George  
Grant Blocker  
Sammie Corley  
Julia Fink  
Sammie Corley  
Drew Foster  
Bill King  
Tom Thomas  
Justin & Rob Padgett  
Betty Bates & Roberta Pennock  
James Porter  
Lane Powell  
Kelly Thompson  
Betty Moseley  
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Betty Moseley  
Jimmy's Stahlin's Family & Baby  
Sammie Corley

## *From:*

Dr. Loretta Bradley  
Ken & Debbie Campbell  
Steve & Becky Corley  
Bobby George  
Kenneth & Sammie Hancock & Sandra Blocker  
Bob Howell & Ruan Reast  
Judy Jarratt  
Jo, Mike and Kirk King  
Mike King & Gayle Settle  
Jo, Kirk and Mike King  
Joy Lawson  
Liz Padgett  
Norval & May Pollard  
Kerry & Pam Porter  
Bob Powell  
Joyce Purkeypile  
Ed Moseley  
Dave and Nedra Roberson  
Ed David Roberson  
Norris Lee and Deanna Roberson  
Taylor Grace Roberson  
Rheda Moseley  
Terry & Rhonda Cartrite  
Crystal Rudiger and family  
Brian McLarty and family  
Jimmy Stahlin  
Carmen Wong

## *Given in Celebration of:*

Maribeth Williams  
Helen Moss  
A Life Well Lived  
Larry & Lucy Landusky  
Tommie Porter

## *From:*

Wesley & Kaye Hobgood  
Bob Howell & Ruan Reast  
Joy Lawson  
Bill & Dorothy Locke  
Kerry & Pam Porter

## Worship Notes

Through this season of expectation we have lighted the four Advent candles. First, we lit the candle of HOPE because Jesus is our hope. Second, we lit the candle of PEACE because Jesus is our peace. Third, we lit the candle of JOY because Jesus brings joy. Fourth, we lit the candle of LOVE because Jesus is love. Finally we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born! Jesus has come! Jesus is our salvation! Jesus will come again!

## Christmas Eve Offering

Tonight's offering will be used to support Saint Benedict's Chapel a ministry to the homeless here in Lubbock.

## Thank You

A special thank you to Susan Boling for creating the artwork for the slides and worship guide this evening.

**We are a community of faith made up of followers of Jesus Christ who are diverse in backgrounds and perspectives but who are united in our mission to love and serve God and the world God loves.**

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