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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH | LUBBOCK, TEXAS

# Christmas

Eve

December 24, 2022

4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

Larry Landusky

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Lord of light be with you.

And also with you.

Sheryl Gallarneau

LOVE. ALL. NOW.

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

Dustin Baucom Family, Shaughn Nunez Family

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jake Maxwell

The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

## Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!

This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable thing.

This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
Come Lord Jesus; Heaven is near.

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved.

Come Lord Jesus; Heaven is near.

AMEN.

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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Bells Gloria

Angels and Shepherds arr. Linda R. Lamb

**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

Sheryl Gallarneau

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** 

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kathleen Campbell, Mark Bass

(Tonight's offering will be used to support Primera Iglesia Bautista de Piedras Negras, Mexico.)

The Christmas Story

**\*GOSPEL READING** 

Mark Cox, Andy McCullough

Luke 2:1-4

<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.

#### **\*** 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

#### Luke 2:5-7

<sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <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.

#### Luke 2:8-12

<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."

#### **\*** THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

#### Luke 2:13-14

<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!"

#### \*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains: and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

# The Shepherd's Carol by Bob Chilcott

We stood on the hills, Lady, our day's work done, watching the frosted meadows that winter had won. The evening was calm, Lady, the air so still, silence more lovely than music folded the hill. There was a star, Lady, shone in the night, larger than Venus it was and bright, so bright. Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady, it seemed to us then telling of God being born in the world of men. And so we have come, Lady, our day's work done, our love, our hopes, ourselves, we give to your son.

**HOMILY** Jake Maxwell

#### **\*CAROL OF RESPONSE**

#### STILLE NACHT



#### **\*CANDLE LIGHTING**

As the light is passed down your row, please tilt your candle toward your neighbor's lighted candle to avoid dripping wax. Candles remain lit until the end of Silent Night. Please raise you candles as we sing the final verse.

**\*BENEDICTION** 

Jake Maxwell

**\*DEPARTING SONG** 

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Worship Notes

Please turn off all cell phones during our worship service. Thank you.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you ordered poinsettias this Christmas Season please feel free to take them home after this evening's service.

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 Primera Iglesia Bautista de Piedras Negras, Mexico.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

#### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Lets get to know one another! secondb.org/welcome or scan the QR.



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

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