

The Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Service

Monday, December 24, 2018

Five o'clock in the evening

We joyfully greet our guests, members and loved ones this Christmas Eve! We remember together, with awe and gratitude, how God revealed his light into our darkness on that first Christmas. We pray that we may be bearers of this light to all who languish in the darkness of war, poverty, injustice, illness and fear. May we share with them the light that shines from the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

*The congregation may remain seated during the service unless noted by **

The Pre-worship Music Acclaim

The Lighting of the Christ Candle Ms. Holly Sloan

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God's love. He is the image of the invisible God, firstborn over all creation.

Christ Jesus, who being in the very nature of God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

As we light the Christ candle, we are reminded that the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His Glory,

the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

(John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15)

The Call to Worship Dr. Rick Bailey

*The Invitation to the Manger, No. 249 ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Words of the Prophets Micah 5:2-5; Jeremiah 23:5 Mr. Chris Tomlin

The Carol of Prophecy, No. 250 ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Birth Foretold Luke 1:26-38 Dr. Bailey

The Solo O Holy Night Adam

Rick Bailey, soloist

The Prophecy Comes to Pass Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7 Ms. Sloan

The Choral Anthem Sleeping Adonai Sorenson

Shona Daniels, soloist

The Angels Declare His Birth Luke 2:8-16 Mr. Tomlin

*The Carol of the Angels, No. 277 MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Presentation of our Offerings *(The offering tonight is in support of global missions)*

The Offertory Prayer Dr. Bailey

The Offertory Hallelujah, Light Has Come Barlowgirl

Acclaim

The Manger Leads to the Cross

The Sharing of Communion Dr. Bailey and Diaconate

The Scripture Numbers 21:6-9; John 3:14-16

The Blessing

The Solo Noel Tomlin

Amy Katherine Weaver, Soloist

The Sharing of the Light

The Scripture Isaiah 60:1-3; Matthew 4:12-17; 5:14-16 Ms. Sloan

*The Carol, No. 253

Silent Night! Holy Night!

*The Litany of Light Dr. Bailey

In Christ Jesus, the Light has come forever!

Christ has caused His Light to shine upon us! May we share Christ's saving Light with all people and in all places of the world!

Come, Lord Jesus, Amen!

(Carefully extinguish your candle at this time and take your candle home as a remembrance of this service or deposit in the provided container as you leave)

The Joy is Shared Luke 2:17-20 Dr. Bailey

*The Carol of Joy, No. 270 ANTIOCH

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*The Benediction

The Postlude Mr. Sturz

Christmas Medley

As you leave the service this evening and in keeping with our custom following communion, deacons will be at each door to receive an offering for the Deacon's

Discretionary Fund. God bless you.

Thank You for Being Our Guest this Evening!

On behalf of the First Baptist congregation, "Thank You" for sharing in this most inspiring service of worship as we celebrate the birth of Christ! It is our prayer that you and your family have a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and a New Year that will present opportunities for you to share the Light of Christ with others!

Blessings,
Staff of First Baptist Church



The Church office will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 25 & 26 for Christmas and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 for New Year's. There will be no Wednesday Night Activities until January 16, 2019.