



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

***Sunday, December 5, 2021***

***Second Sunday of Advent***

*Cantata Presentation: The Advent of Hope, the Birth of Peace*  
by Robert Lau and Stephen Andrews

**Sunday:** Sunday School in-person and online **9:45 a.m.**  
Worship in-person and online **11:00 a.m.**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Ministry of Music

G. F. Handel  
arr. Edward Broughton

*He Shall Feed His Flock*  
Marcia Harris, organ

The Passing of the Peace

Matt Johnson

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

†The Carol of Praise, No. 125

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

1. 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!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lighting the Candle of Peace

The McDaniels Family

The Carol of Peace

MUELLER

*A Candle is Burning*  
Verse 2

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

***The Advent of Hope, the Birth of Peace***

**Robert Lau and Stephen Andrews**  
Added music by George Frederick Handel,  
Gustav Holst, and Pietro Yon  
Readings by Stafford Turner, Kari Mason, Pat Bell,  
Susan Plemmons, Michaela Lineberry,  
Barbara Jean Callaway, and Matt Johnson  
Marcia Harris, organ and Rebecca Turner, piano

(Congregation joins with the **bold print**)

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

text by Charles Wesley  
music by Rowland H. Pritchard  
arr. Robert Lau

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

*Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

text by Isaac Watts  
music by George Frederick Handel  
arr. Robert Lau

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King:  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing.**

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains 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.**

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

text by Johan Rist  
music by Johann Schop  
arr. Robert Lau

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.  
You shepherds shudder not with fright, but hear the angels warning.

This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be;  
the pow'r of darkness breaking, our peace eternal making.

*Comfort Ye* from MESSIAH

George Frederick Handel  
Isaiah 40:1-3

Simon Mishler, tenor

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 our God.

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Polish Carol  
paraphrased by Edith E. M. Ree  
music by Robert Lau

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks are sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

text by Christina Georgina Rossetti  
adapted by Patrick M. Liebergen  
music by Gustav Holst  
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Michaela Lineberry, mezzo-soprano

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim praised him in the air;  
Then his mother Mary, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved with a gentle kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;  
What can I give him? I will give my heart.

*God's Best Gift*

text by Stephen Andrews  
music by Robert Lau

Holy, holy, holy child, lying in a manger;  
God's best gift to earth come down, yet, to the world, a stranger.  
Holy, holy, holy child, lying in a manger.

Stable walls and manger bed, lowly beasts around him;  
long the world its Savior sought, and this is where they found him;  
Stable walls and manger bed, lowly beasts around him.

Millions come in mem'ry now, gath'ring at the manger;  
God's best gift to earth come down, but now no more a stranger.  
This is Christ, the Son of God, lying in a manger.

Holy, holy, holy child, lying in a manger;  
God's best gift to earth come down, but now no more a stranger.  
Holy, holy, holy child, lying in a manger.

*Gesù Bambino*

text by Fredrick H. Martens  
music by Pietro Yon  
arr. Mark Hayes

Matt Johnson, tenor

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night,  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light,  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,  
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
That gave the world it's Christmas Rose, it's King of Love and Light.  
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell,  
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Ah! O come, let us adore him.  
Ah! Adore him, Christ, the Lord.  
O come, O come, O come, let us adore him,  
Let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*Jesus Christ is Born Today*

16<sup>th</sup> Century Carol  
adapted by Stephen Andrews  
music by Robert Lau

Jesus Christ is born today! Let the nations praise him.  
God and man in ev'ry way, to all honor raise him.  
Young and old, both rich and poor, come let us adore him!  
Jesus Christ is born today. Alle, alleluia!

Hark! the herald angels sing, as they did and still do;  
and the wise men presents bring, as they ever will do.  
Shepherds leave your flocks by night, as they always have done;  
as the star's eternal light shines its benediction.

What is old and what is new? What of joy and sorrow?  
Christ from ages past untold still is our tomorrow.  
Alleluia! It is true, as foretold Isaiah,  
now as then the world is new; Christ is our Messiah!

O proud nation bend your knee while you still are able;  
For a greater pow'r is he, ruling from a stable.  
Alleluia to his name! Raise it now as never.  
Alleluia to the same Jesus Christ forever!

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Latin hymn attributed to John Francis Wade  
translated by Frederick Oakeley  
music by John Francis Wade  
arr. Robert Lau

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels.**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

†The Hymn of Response, No. 96

HOUSTON

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path; and show me the way to the Father.  
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

text by Isaac Watts  
arr. Robert Lau

*Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King:  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing.  
O praise him! Alleluia! Sing joy, sing joy to the world!

†Please stand, as you are able.

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**Coat and Blanket Giveaway** is this afternoon from 2pm-3pm. If you can help, please see Penny Ginn after service.



**OFFERING FOR  
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**BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS**

**Our Goal: \$1500**

Please use the offering envelope provided on the table in the concourse and make your check out to Fernwood Baptist Church and mark CBF Global on the memo line. Thank you in support of our missions.

**Staff Love Gift** – Would you consider a “Love Offering” to our staff? You can give online “Staff Love Gift” or by mailing to the church office. P. O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304 or by placing it in the offering plate on Sundays. Love Offering envelopes are also located on the information table in the concourse. Deadline is ***Sunday, December 19.***

**Soup Kitchen** is Sunday, December 19 from 9 until 1pm. If you would like to help, please contact Clarence Batts at 864-542-7813 or by email: [clarence.batts@att.net](mailto:clarence.batts@att.net)

**2022 Offering Envelopes are HERE!**  
***Information Table in the Concourse.***

It is very important that everyone, please only use your NEW envelopes in 2022 and discard your old 2021 envelopes, since some numbers have changed. Thanks for understanding in this matter.

If you give online or mail your check in, you will be receiving a letter with your number on it. P.S.: Please be sure that you look closely at the name when picking up your envelopes and only pick up yours. If you do not see yours, please contact Angie in the church office.

**IMPORTANT NEWS**

**Masks are required**, even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we are taking all precautions to protect everyone. There are masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.

<b>All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church</b> .....	<b>Ministers</b>
Mrs. Marcia Harris .....	Music Associate
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Mrs. Angie M. Quinn.....	Administrative Assistant
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