



The Chancel Choir Presents:

The Promised Messiah Foretold

*First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
December 11, 2022*

The Church at Worship

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2021

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

* Carol No. 94

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Advent Reading

Congregation

Leader: In Advent we celebrate the power of God to work changes in us, among us, through us, and around us.

People: **We praise you, O God of happy surprises, for confounding our low expectations.**

Leader: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People: **Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;**

Leader: **instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;**

People: **and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,**

All: **for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."** (Isaiah 55:12-13)

* Carol No. 108

How Great Our Joy

GARTAN

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Marie Wheatley

Offertory

Away In a Manger/Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

* Offertory Response

Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

We invite children to come forward for the Children's Sermon at the conclusion of the *Doxology*.
Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.

Children's Sermon

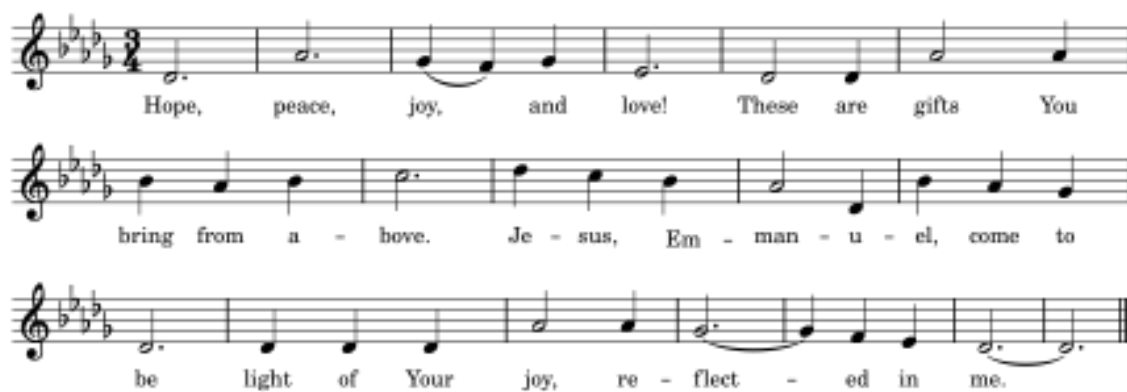
The Candle of Joy

Rev. Eddie Fort

Candle Lighting Song

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
(Please see page 3 for this song.)

Randy Edwards



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The Chancel Choir
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The Proclamation Isaiah 40:3-36; Matthew 3:2-3

Ready, My Lord

Jonathan Lewis

Ready, My Lord, for you to come, ready, my Lord, my Lord.
Come to save us, lead us, love us.
We are ready for you, my Lord.
Ready for you to come.

Save us from the darkness of our lonely night.
Lead us to the glory of God's holy light.
Love us, though unworthy, for we need your pow'r.
We are ready for you, my Lord, in this present hour.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

arr. Georgiann Toole

(19th Century English Carol)

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

From God that is our maker the blessed angels came,
unto some certain shepherds with tidings of the same,
that there was born in Bethlehem the son of God by name,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and harmony each other now embrace.
The merry time of Christmas is drawing on a-pace,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Descendant of Abraham and David

Luke 24:44; Genesis 12:3b; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Luke 1:31-33

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Susan Dengler

(15th century German Carol)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As saints of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we beheld it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

The Wexford Carol

arr. Don Michael Dicie

(16th century Irish Carol)

(Duet: Ashleigh Adamson and Bridger Warlick)

Good people all this Christmas time,
consider well, and bear in mind
what our Good God for us has done
in sending his begotten Son.
With Mary holy we should pray
to God with love this Christmas day.
In Bethlehem this Christmas morn
there was a blessed Messiah born.

In Bethlehem did shepherds keep
their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
to which the angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said,
"to Bethlehem, be not afraid,"
"for there you'll find this happy morn
a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful hearts and joyful mind,
the shepherds went the babe to find,
and as God's angels had foretold
they did our Saviour Christ behold.
Within a manger he was laid,
with the virgin maid,
attending to the Lord of Life
who came to earth to end all strife.

Bethlehem Foretold

Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Howard Helvey

(Mid 19th century Irish Carol)

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
Lived on earth, our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Thro' his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone

Upon a Calm and Quiet Night

James E. Clemens

Upon a calm and quiet night, while shepherds watched their sheep,
the angel of the Lord revealed the Savior they should seek;
"Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!"
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Wise Men sought the newborn King; from far-off lands they came.
They gave him gifts and worshiped him to glorify his name:
"Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!"
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Now come, all Christians young and old, give praise to Christ our King!
Join hands and hearts in joy to spread this wondrous news we bring:
"Raise your voices strong and clear, for the Son of God is here!"
Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Born of a Virgin

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-33

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Andrew Risinger

(Early 20th century Polish Carol)

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,
Noel's ringing,
Tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were 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.

The Christ Child's Lullaby

arr. Carol McClure

(Early 19th century Scottish Gaelic Carol)
(Duet: Ashleigh Adamson and Keegan Foyles)

My love, my joy, my pleasure, oh,
My wonder new and pleasure, oh,
My son, my beauty ever, oh,
Immanuel my child, my King.

My little babe, the Lord of all,
Your bed shall be a manger stall;
Then, at your feet the world shall fall,
Immanuel, my child, my king.

God's angels shall announce your birth,
And share the news with songs of mirth,
That God has come to dwell on earth,
Immanuel, my child, my King.

Sing and Rejoice

Isaiah 9:2, 3, & 6; Isaiah 12:5-6

On Christmas Night

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

(17th century English Carol)

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth

When sin departs before Thy grace;
Then life and health come in its place:
When sin departs before Thy grace,
Then life and health come in its place:
Angels rejoice with us and sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Peace on earth, and good will, Amen.

Ding, Dong, Merrily On High

arr. Barbara Wallace

(Early 20th century English Carol)

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "I-o, I-o, I-o!"
By priest and people sung.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your eve-time song, ye singers;
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Carol Medley

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come and The First Nowell

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,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, 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,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a Star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
The wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of
naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

In the Bleak Midwinter

Arlen Clarke

(Late 19th century English Carol)

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

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.

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;
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Benediction

*** Responsive Benediction**

Congregation

Leader: Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world.

People: **We will be God's light, shining bright as the star over the manger in Bethlehem. May our light shine to all we meet, through the depth of love in our own hearts.**

Leader: May the blessings of Advent and Christmas make you a blessing to others; may the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

People: **We will welcome the challenge of discipleship. We will offer ourselves as God's ministers. We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

*** Postlude**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou



Participants

Narrator

Janice Young

The Chancel Choir

Brownie Cook
Leigh Cook

Olivia Crawmer
Pat Hyatt
Ruth Kuykendall

Rose Langston
Jolene Lewis
Stephen Prince

Ella Jo Sellers

Guest Singers

Ashleigh Adamson, Keegan Foyles, and Bridger Warlick)
(Methodist University)

Eddie Fort, Director

Patricia Slomanski, Organist

Audio-Visual Committee

Eric Kronenwetter, Mitchell Sauls, and Kirby Sanderson



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The First Nowell

A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord — Luke 2:11 NIV

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor
 2. For all to see there was a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star The wise men
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
 to our heav - en - ly Lord Who hath made heav'n and

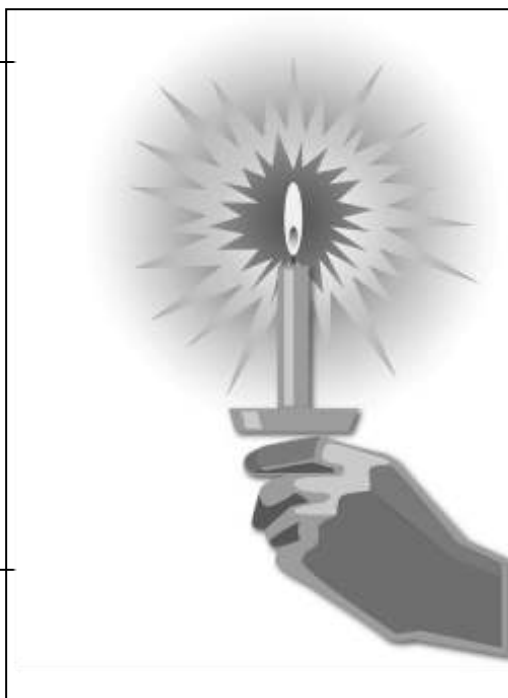
keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep,
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Traditional English Carol
 MUSIC: Traditional English Carol

THE FIRST NOWELL
 Irregular

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 24th of December.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, December 11**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir Presents
The Promised Messiah Foretold
- Monday, December 12**
4:00 p.m. Children's Music Activity
- Wednesday, December 14**
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Thursday, December 15**
6:00 p.m. Bible Study coordinated by Willis & Sue Pinnell
and Robert & Kris Clyburn

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, December 18**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Monday, December 19**
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
- Friday, & Monday, December 23-26**
Office closed for Christmas Holidays
- Saturday, December 24**
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- Sunday, December 25**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Monday, January 1**
Office Closed for New Year's Day



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Deacons of the Week

12/18	Ron Walters / Betty Jo Prevatte
12/25	Merle Worley / Hilda Ray
1/01	Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
1/08	Willis Pinnell / Glenn Waters