



First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 15, 2024

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

See what kind of love the Father has given us!

1 John 3:1 ESV

Prelude

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming /
Once in Royal David's City /
Angels We Have Heard on High*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Spoken Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6

Congregation

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Greeting and Announcement

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Hope
The John Sauls Family

Leader: Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Joy. Our joy is in God, and in His son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what He has promised to do.

People: We light this candle to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope He gives us, for the peace He bestows, and for the joy He pours into our hearts.

Leader: Let us pray: O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send Your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things You have done and those You have promised to do that we may have the joy You have promised. As we worship You, strengthen us so that we may always do Your will and so bless You and the world You have made. Amen.

Choral Response

One Candle Is Lit

Chancel Choir

Carol of Praise, No. 88 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Congregation

Responsive Reading

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Leader: Children of God, let us come together with joyful hearts!

People: For the promised light of Christ is fast drawing near.

Leader: Bringing His hope . . . bringing His peace into our world.

People: **And not a moment too soon.**

Leader: Yes! Your precious gift is right on time.

People: **We rejoice in the promise of our coming Savior.**

Leader: And right now—we open our hearts to receive His unyielding, never-ending love!

People: **Surely, God is our forever salvation.**

Leader: Promises made, promises kept.

People: **Because His truth is coming to us soon.**

Leader: Father we celebrate You now, because we can hardly wait!

All: FATHER, ITS AS ONE PEOPLE, THAT WE COME TO YOU WITH JOYFUL HEARTS!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Old Testament Reading

Malachi

Mr. Coburn Powell

(selections from chapters 3 & 4)

Offertory Carol, No. 93

Congregation

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Kate C. Lee

Offertory

Gesu Bambino

Mrs. Pat Slomanski

When blossoms flower e'er '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,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows Pietro Yon
To greet the holy night, that gave the world
It's Christmas Rose, its King of love and light.
Let ev'ry 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,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

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

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-17

Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte

Worship through Song	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	The Chancel Choir
Reading of the Holy Scriptures	Titus 2:11-14	Dr. Hillman
Sermon	Untamed and Untamable	Dr. Hillman
Hymn of Invitation, No. 95	<i>Go, Tell It On the Mountain</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Dr. Hillman
Postlude	<i>For Unto Us A Child Is Born</i> (from MESSIAH)	Mrs. Pat Slomanski arr. George Frideric Handel

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m.	<u>Sunday, December 15</u> Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.	<u>Monday, December 16</u> Finance Meeting
	<u>Tuesday, December 17</u> No Deacons' Meeting
5:30 p.m.	<u>Wednesday, December 18</u> Christmas Caroling

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m.	<u>Sunday, December 22</u> Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3:00 p.m.	Columbus Community Band Concert
5:00 p.m.	<u>Tuesday, December 24</u> Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
	<u>Wednesday, December 25</u> No Prayer Service
	<u>Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25</u> Church office Closed for Christmas
	<u>Wednesday, January 1</u> Church office Closed for New Year's Day



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Deacons of the Week

12/15	Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
12/22	Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes
12/29	Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley
1/05	Willis Pinnell / Mary Alice Stanley