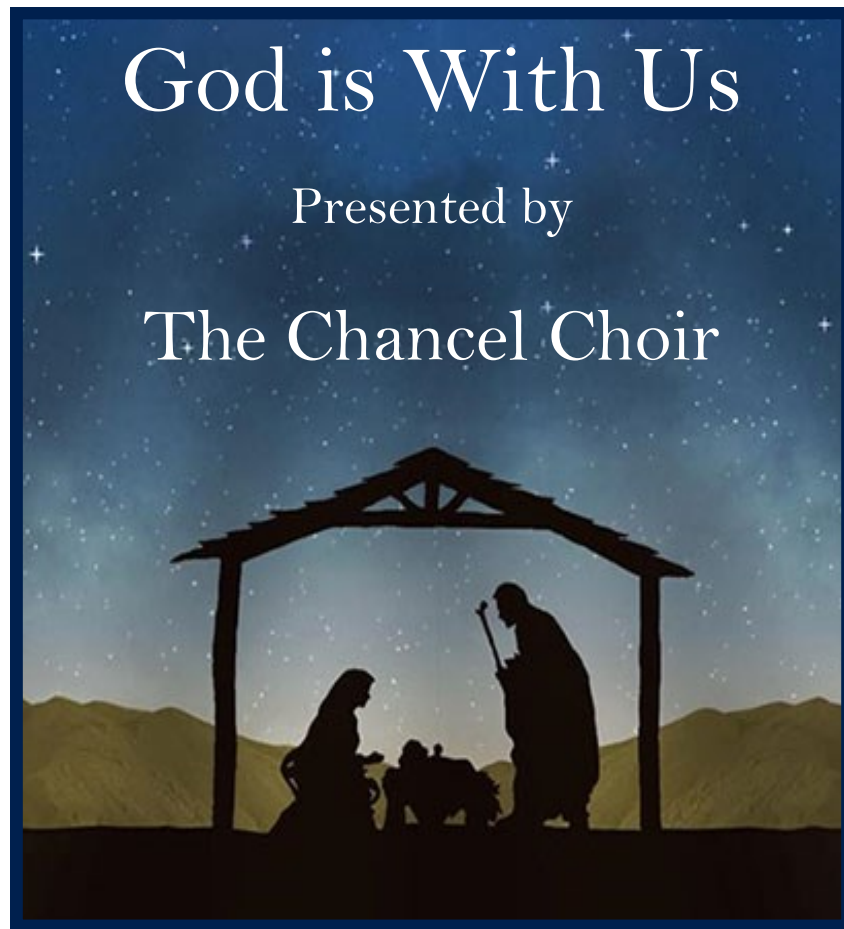


The Fourth Sunday of Advent



God is With Us

Presented by

The Chancel Choir

First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina

December 18, 2016

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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December 18, 2016

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

* Please stand as you are able

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

Advent is a season of waiting.
But we do not wait alone.
God is with us.
We gather with those who have seen the signs,
heard the whispers, felt the tugs in their hearts.
God is birthing hope into this waiting world.
Let us worship with hearts open to peace.

Prelude

Krista Cala, violin, Diana Kirkpatrick, viola, Jim Council, organ
In the Bleak Mid Winter Gustav Holst, arr. Evelyn Larter

Call to Worship

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Congregation

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Leader: You have led them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

People: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Invocation

Rev. Clore

***Hymn of Praise, No. 94** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
(stanzas 1 and 4)

REGENT SQUARE

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon on the last stanza of the Processional hymn.
Children age five and younger who wish may attend Children's Worship.

Children's Sermon

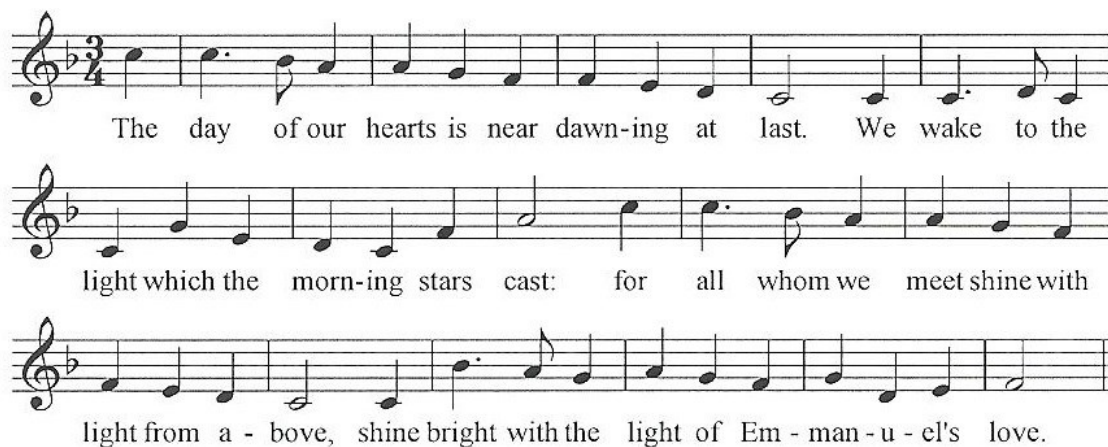
The Candle of Love

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Congregational Response

Advent: Love

MUELLER



Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

***Offertory Hymn, No. 106**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

***Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Rick Kimball

Offertory

Mr. Jim Council

The Shepherds at the Manger Franz Liszt, arr. E. Power Biggs

***Offertory Response**

Doxology for Advent

VENI EMMANUEL

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

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## **GOD IS WITH US**

**A Carol Service**

**Arranged by Tom Fettke**

**Presented by**

**The Chancel Choir**

**Organ, String Ensemble and Woodwind Ensemble**

**Narration presented by Mrs. Robin Fort**

## The Advent of Hope

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Aurelius C. Prudentius (13th Century Plainsong)  
Mr. Melvin Ezell, solo

Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the Source, the Ending He.  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

*Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley

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.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Fill our hearts with heaven's peace.

Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unending praises be!  
Honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! These we render unto Thee.

Jesus comes, the heav'ns adoring, comes with peace from realms on high.  
Jesus comes to win redemption, lowly comes on earth to die.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Make away, the Lord is nigh.

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Ev'ry voice in concert ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise and glorify the King!

## Song of Bethlehem

*Cantique de Bethlehem*

Gabriel Faure

O silent, holy night!  
The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
The weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
A thrill of hope for the Messiah is born.

Sweet hymns of joy  
in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all that is within us praise His holy name.  
Let all that is within us praise His holy name.  
Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born.  
Alleluia! The Messiah is born.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Phillips Brooks

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.

## The Midnight Clear

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

William Billings

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old;  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men from heaven’s all gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing;  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old;  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

## Blessed Jesus

*Pie Jesu*

Gabriel Faure  
Mrs. Sue Jordan, solo

Gentle Mary, Mother mild,  
Lowly in a manger laid her Child;  
Jesus was His name, the Undefined.  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Destined to redeem our fallen race.  
Who will find His favor and His grace?

O baby Jesus rest your head  
on this rough and musty bed;  
Ev’ry other king on earth  
sleeps on feathers at his birth.  
Blessed Jesus, rest Your head.

Gentle Mary, Mother mild  
Lowly in a manger laid her Child;  
Beautiful the story!  
Bless the Lord of glory!  
Kneel before Him at His birth;  
Praise His name in all the earth.

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

## A Glorious Hallelujah

*Hallelujah* (from MOUNT OF OLIVES)

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Unto us a Child is born.

*Gloria* (from GLORIA)

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

## Exceeding Great Joy

*Brightest and Best*

Southern Harmony

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our midnight and lend us your aid,  
Star of the East the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

*The March of the Tree Kings*

Traditional French Melody

Three wise men inspired by a star, prepared great offerings of precious treasures.  
Three wise men inspired by a star, with joy began a journey long and hard.  
A star so radiant proclaimed His birth; a King was born, the greatest of the earth.  
Through desert sands, through Jerusalem, they pressed on eagerly to worship Him.

Three wise men led only by a star, arrived where now the newborn King was lying.  
Three wise men led only by a star, had found the hope of ev'ry longing heart.

## Rejoice in His Coming

*Rejoice in His Coming*

Traditional Welsh Melody

Rejoice in His coming, all people of earth!  
Be glad in your King on the day of His birth!  
Bow down to the One all creation obeys!  
Lift up the Lord Jesus and crown Him with praise!

The glory of heaven now lights up the sky  
With news of great joy from our Father on high.  
Tonight He has given a Savior, a Son!  
The angels all gather and worship as one.

A star is proclaiming the place of His birth,  
And wise men draw near from the ends of the earth.  
In wonder we watch as their treasures unfold.  
They worship with myrrh and with incense and gold.

Come, shepherds and angels, the great and the small,  
Let's gather and kneel to the Lord of us all,  
Messiah, our Shepherd, our glory, our light.  
All praise in the highest to You, Jesus Christ!

## Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

16th Century German Carol

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

The shepherds heard the story  
Proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ, the Lord of Glory,  
Was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped,  
And in a manger found Him,  
As heav'nly angels said.

Three kings in all their splendor  
Searched for the infant King.  
Beneath a star they found Him,  
Rich treasures did they bring;  
They bowed before the Savior,  
They worshiped and adored Him  
The Lord of everything.

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

## Festival of Carols

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

Traditional French Carol

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!  
Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

*Sussex Carol*

Traditional English Carol

At Christmas time all Christians sing to join the news the angels bring;  
At Christmas time all Christians sing to join the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy to all the earth, news of our blessed Savior's birth!  
  
And out of darkness came the Light which made the angels sing that night;  
And out of darkness came the Light which made the angels sing that night;  
"Glory to God and peace to all forevermore, Alleluia!"

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

ANTIOCH

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!

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!

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Clore

Please remain in place until the acolytes have come forward to take the Light of Christ  
out of the sanctuary and into our community and world.

## The Postlude

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

ANTIOCH

## Chancel Choir

|                  |                |                |                  |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Heather Bazemore | Myrtle Corbett | Pat Hyatt      | Bryce Russell♦   |
| Stephen Bazemore | Karen Dawsey   | Sue Jordan*    | Mitchell Sauls♦  |
| Armond Carter    | Sylvia Elkins  | Rose Langston  | Ella Jo Sellers  |
| Ryan Clore       | Melvin Ezzell* | Jolene Lewis   | Burline Stocks   |
| Brownie Cook     | Robin Fort+    | Helen Monroe   | Bridger Warlick♦ |
| Leigh Cook       | Joanne Hinson  | Stephen Prince |                  |

\*Soloist

+Narration

♦Youth Choir Participants

Mr. Jim Council, Organist

## String Ensemble

Krista Cala, I Violin  
Haudong Lu, II Violin  
Lauren Alter, Viola  
Diana Kirkpatrick, Cello

## Woodwinds

Matt Ward, Oboe  
Linda Volman Lane, Flute  
Kristi Perry, Clarinet

## Audio—Video

Eric Kronenwetter, Kirby Sanderson, Jason Schoolcraft

### Sunday, December 18

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Instrumental Warm-up in the sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up in the sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Finance Meeting

### Deacons of the Week

Jerry Wilson / Jim Warlick

### Wednesday, December 21

No Wednesday Night Activities

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## Ministerial Staff

Rev. Ryan Clore, Pastor  
Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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