



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
December 18, 2022

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Welcome

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

Yuletide Echoes

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
William Hodson

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 88**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Advent Prayer

Congregation

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: we trust in the Lord's goodness.
We rely on his mercy.
We find shelter in his steadfast love.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: we walk in the Lord's way.
We follow his example of love.
We keep our covenant promises.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, forgive our sins.
Remember your love.
Remember each one of us.
Remember your people everywhere.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, we wait for your salvation.
We wait for your leading.
We wait for your coming. Amen.

* **Carol No. 109**

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Haywood Corbett

Offertory

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Dian Bish

Offertory Response

Advent Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

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

We invite children to come forward for the Children's Sermon at the conclusion of the Advent 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.

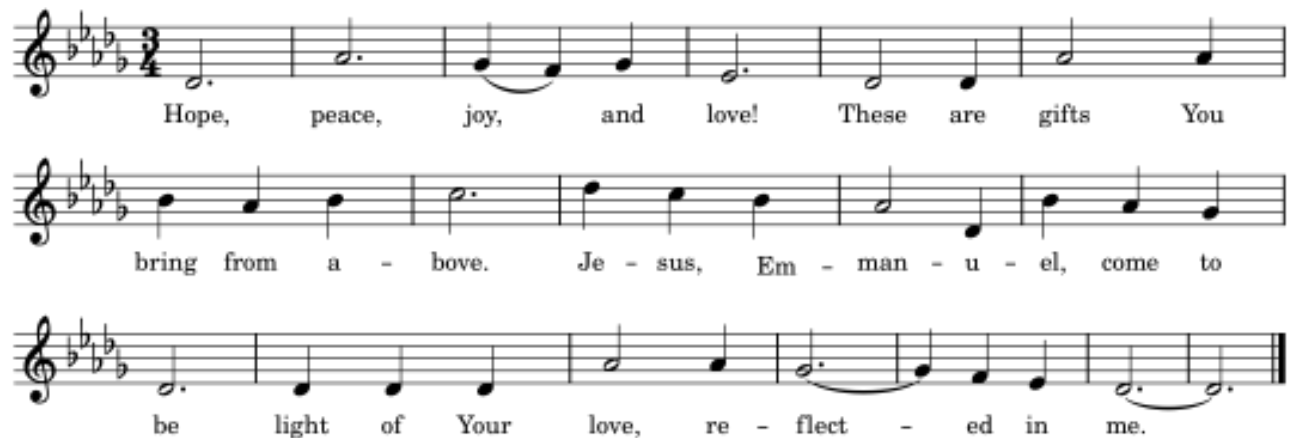
Children's Sermon

The Candle of Love

Rev. Eddie Fort

Song Response

BAUGH



Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brown

Worship Through Song

I Wonder as I Wander

Dr. Brown
John Jacob Niles

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16
Matthew 1:18-25
Romans 15:12-13

Dr. Brown

Sermon

Jesus: The Love of God Dramatically Revealed!

Dr. Brown

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 103**

MUELLER

Away in a Manger

Benediction

Dr. Brown

*** Postlude**

Joy to the World

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace" — Luke 2:14 NIV



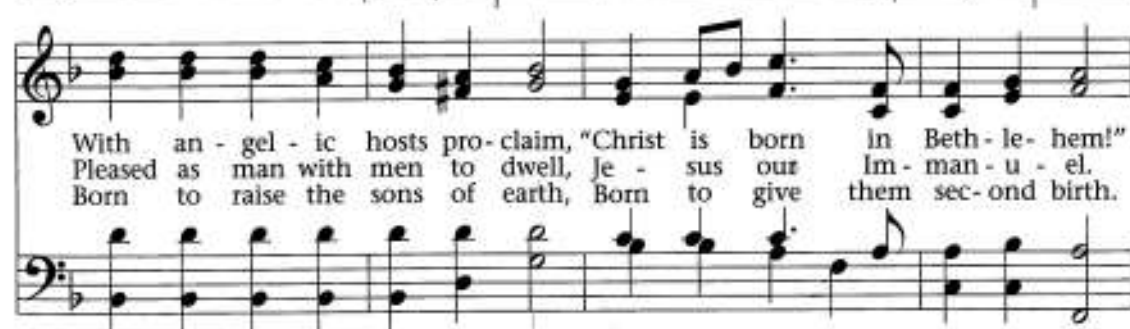
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



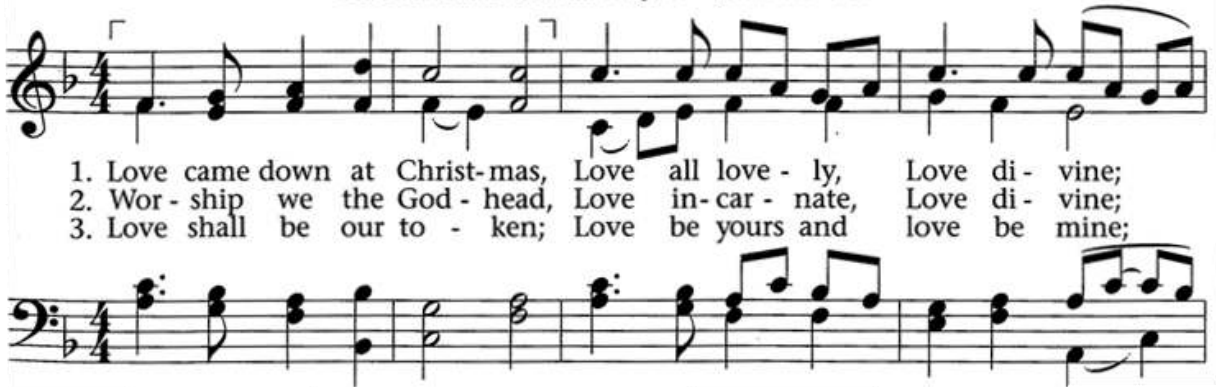
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WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. George Whitefield, 1714-1770
MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

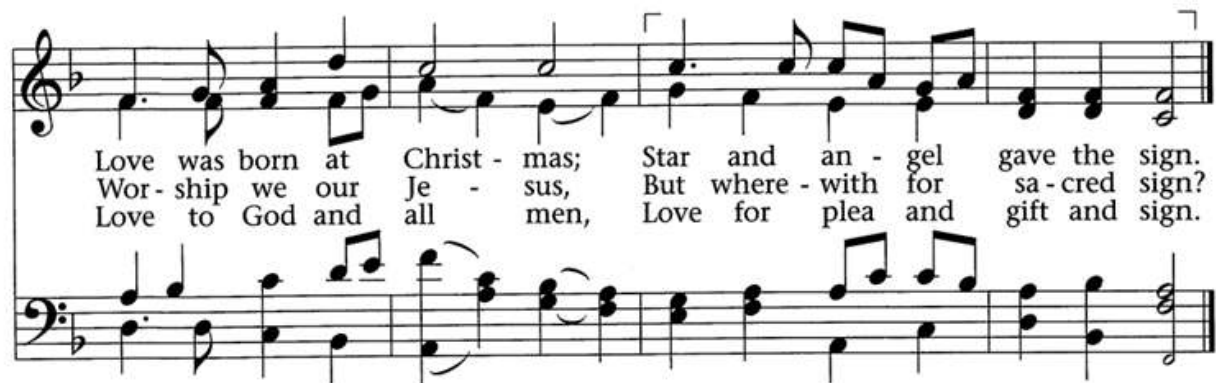
MENDELSSOHN
7.7.7.7.D, with Refrain

109 Love Came Down at Christmas

God so loved the world that he gave — John 3:16 NIV



1. Love came down at Christ-mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
 2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
 3. Love shall be our to - ken; Love be yours and love be mine;



Love was born at Christ - mas; Star and an - gel gave the sign.
 Wor - ship we our Je - sus, But where - with for sa - cred sign?
 Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-1894

MUSIC: Traditional Irish Melody; harmon. David Evans, 1874-1948; alt.

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GARTAN

Irregular

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Away in a Manger

And she brought forth her firstborn son ... and laid him in a manger — Luke 2:7 KJV

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! look
 ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

WORDS: St. 1,2, anonymous, 1885; st. 3, John Thomas McFarland, 1851-1913
 MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1841-1905

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, December 18
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Monday, December 19
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
- Wednesday, December 21
6:30 p.m. Called Church Conference
- Thursday, December 22
No Bible Study
- Friday, & Monday, December 23 & 26
Office Closed for Christmas
- Saturday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- Christmas Sunday, December 25
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Wednesday, December 28
No Wednesday Night Activities

- 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



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