

The Chancel Choir Presents:



*Were You There on That
Christmas Night?*

First Baptist Church

Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

December 19, 2021

The Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

*He Shall Feed His Flock
Come Unto Me
(from MESSIAH)*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

* **Carol No. 94**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

(Please see this carol on page 9.)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Love

Leader: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We light the candle representing love. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He exemplifies God's perfect love in human form. Those who believe in him and live in him, live love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.

People: We light this candle today to remind us that God is love. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

Leader: Let us pray: O God of love, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may so dwell in him that his perfect love fills our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate your love and are made ready to show that love to the whole world—both today—and forevermore. Amen.

Song Response

One Candle Is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Come, wan - der where li - on and lamb gent - ly
play, where e - vil is ban - ished and faith takes the
day, a babe in a man - ger to fool the world's
eyes. One can - dle is lit for God's lov - ing sur - prise.

Carol No. 109

Love Came Down at Christmas
(Please see this carol on page 10.)

GARTAN

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

*Offertory Response

Advent Doxology

W ZLOBIE LEZY



Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir-it, glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you
glad - ly all the gifts that you im - part, as we
glo - ry in your Pre - sence, giv - ing from a grate - ful heart.

Solo

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Bridger Warlick
arr. Mark Hayes

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

A Christmas Musical by Lloyd Larson

*Presented by
The Chancel Choir
&
Friends*

Narrated by Lyla Bullard and Bryce Kronenwetter

A Great Light!

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

(Solo: Ashleigh Adamson)

Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,
when the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?
Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?

The People Walking in Darkness

The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!
The people living in darkness on them a light will shine!
And the glory of God shall be shown, the will of God made known.
The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and the government shall be on his shoulders,
and the government shall be on his shoulders.
He shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
and the Prince of Peace.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.
The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!

Bethlehem

The Birthday of the King

In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a child one day,
and the sky was bright with a holy light o'er the place where Jesus lay.
'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much God gave to us that day;
from the manger bed what a path has led, what a perfect, holy way.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n!
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

Never Been a Night Like This!

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There were shepherds in the field keeping watch at night
when out of the dark, a most unusual sight.

An angel of the Lord came with news of joy,
“The Savior’s been born tonight, a baby boy!”
The shepherds rejoiced on that Christmas night
as the heavenly host turned the darkness bright.
There’d never been a night like this before!

There’d never been a night like this before
with the angels around singin’ praise to the Lord.
The glory of the Lord was revealed that night!
There’d never been a song like this before,
heaven’s music proclaimed the birth of Christ, the Lord.
There’d never been a night, a night like this before.

“Do not be afraid,” the angel said to them,
“you will find the baby down in Bethlehem.
He’s in a manger bed, such a humble birth,
the King of kings has come down to earth.”
The shepherds rejoiced and began to run
to the newborn King, God’s holy Son.
There’d never been a night like this before!

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

Never been a night, a night like this before.
Never been a song, a song like this before.
Never been a night, a night like this before.
Never been a night like this!

All Is Well

All Is Well

All is well, all is well. Heaven and earth rejoice!
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love’s light.
Sing al-le, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well.
Let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come, go and tell that he is in the manger.
Sing al-le, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well.
Lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing alleluia! All is well.

Sing We Now of Christmas

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

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethl'hem, find the lambkin blest."
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

What Child Is This?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
Sing we now Noel!

Welcome to Our World

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(Duet: Mariah Massey and Bridger Warlick)

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking, how we need to hear from God.
You've been promised, we've been waiting; welcome, holy child, welcome holy child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger, how I wish we could have known.
But long-awaited holy Stranger, make yourself at home, please make yourself at home.

Bring your peace into our violence, bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking heaven's silence, welcome to our world, welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us, tender brow prepared for thorn,
tiny heart whose blood will save us, unto us is born, unto us is born.

So, wrap our injured flesh around you, breathe our air and walk our sod.
Take our sin and make us holy, perfect Son of God, perfect Son of God.
Welcome to our world.

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

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Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,
when the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?
Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King,
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud at his birth?
Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?

Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,
the salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love that was sent from above to the earth?
Were you there?

Glory to the Newborn King!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Sing Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Glory be to God on high!

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King."

Congregation and Choir:

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?
Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,
when the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?

Sing gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Glory be to God on high!
Amen!

*** 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.**

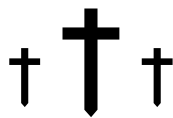
Leader: May the blessings of Advent and Christmas make you a blessing to others; may the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

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.**

*** Postlude**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
(Angels We Have Heard on High)

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Harold DeCou



Participants

Narrators

Lyla Bullard and Bryce Kronenwetter

The Chancel Choir

Wayne Brown
Brownie Cook
Leigh Cook
Myrtle Corbett

Sylvia Elkins
Robin Fort
Pat Hyatt

Ruth Kuykendall
Rose Langston
Jolene Lewis

Stephen Prince
Ella Jo Sellers
*Bridger Warlick

Guest Singers

*Ashleigh Adamson, Sarah Crews, and *Mariah Massey
(Methodist University)
* Solo/Duet

Eddie Fort, Director

Patricia Slomanski, Organist

Audio-Visual Committee

Eric Kronenwetter, Mitchell Sauls, and Kirby Sanderson

94 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

The angel said ... I bring you good tidings of great joy — Luke 2:10 KJV

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
 Yon - der shines the in - fant Light: Come and wor - ship,
 Ye have seen the In - fant's star: Come and wor - ship,
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear: Come and wor - ship,

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!
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WORDS: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

REGENT SQUARE
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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; harri. David Evans, 1874-1948; alt.

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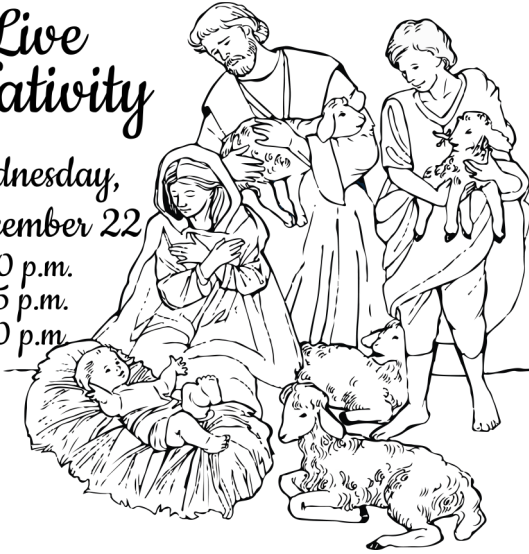
Live Nativity

Wednesday,
December 22

6:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:30 p.m.



You are invited to see the Live Nativity here at the church on Wednesday, December 22 at one of our three showings: 6:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m., or 7:30 p.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 19
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Presents
Were You There on That Christmas Night?

Monday, December 20
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting

Tuesday, December 21
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, December 22
6:00 p.m. Live Nativity—Three Showings
6:45 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, Friday, & Monday, December 23-27
Office closed for Christmas Holidays

Friday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 26
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, January 3
Office Closed for New Year's Day

Deacons of the Week
12/19 Ron Walters / Haywood Corbett
12/26 Lauren Cole / Hilda Ray
1/02 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
1/09 David Carter / Glenn Waters



Church Staff

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