



FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

*First Baptist Church*  
*Whiteville, North Carolina*  
*December 20, 2020*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting and Invocation**

Dr. Wayne Brown

**Prelude**

*The Birthday of a King*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Diane Bish

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 87**

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*  
(Please see page 4.)

ANTIOCH

**The Advent Wreath**

Lighting the Candle of Love

**Leader:** We have lit three candles—for Hope, for Peace, and for Joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of Love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, in which we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

**People:** Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

**Leader:** Live now in love, and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world.

**People:** We will seek God, not only in a long ago stable or ancient manger, but in the people we meet and in the depths of our own hearts.

**Leader:** May the blessing of Advent make you a blessing to others; may the love of the season pervade all that you do.

**People:** We will welcome the challenge to love. We will go forth in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

**Song Response**

GARTAN

*Candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ*  
(Please see page 7.)

**Worship through Song**

*Sheep May Safely Graze* Mary-Gregg Williamson, Piano  
J. S. Bach, arr. Melody Bober

**Spoken Carol**

*Love Came Down At Christmas*

Rev. Eddie Fort  
GARTAN

**Carol, No. 85**

*The First Nowell*  
(Please see page 5.)

THE FIRST NOWELL  
Carly Sanderson and  
Mary-Gregg Williamson, Flute

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Brown

**Worship through Song**

*Baby Bethlehem*

Rev. Fort  
arr. Edward Boatner

**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

Dr. Brown

**Sermon**

The Shepherds Came to Him

Dr. Brown

**\* Carol of Commitment, No. 105**

BUNESSAN

*Child in the Manger*  
(Please see page 6.)

**Benediction**

Dr. Brown

**\* Benediction Response**

*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!

**\* Postlude**

*And the Glory of the Lord*  
(from MESSIAH)

Mr. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel



## BIRTH

## 87 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth — Psalm 98:4 NIV*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;  
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove

Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 He comes to make His bless-ings flow  
 The glo-ries of His righ-teous-ness,

And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture  
 Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His

1. And heav'n and na-ture sing, And

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.  
 joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won-ders, won-ders of His love.  
 heav'n and na-ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

ANTIOCH

Irregular

## 85

## 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

# Child in the Manger

105

*He appeared in a body ... was seen by angels — 1 Timothy 3:16 NIV*

Unison

1. Child in the man - ger, In - fant of Ma - ry; Out - cast and  
2. Once the most ho - ly Child of sal - va - tion Gent - ly and  
3. Proph - ets fore - told Him In - fant of won - der; An - gels be -

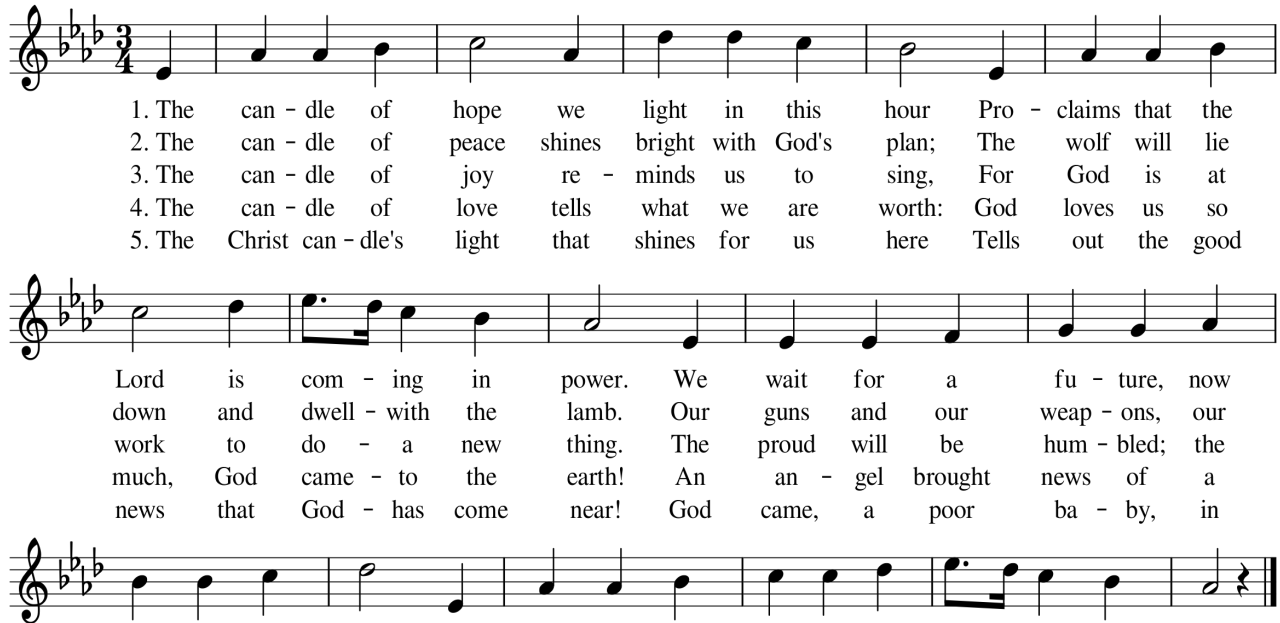
stran - ger, Lord of all; Child who in - her - its All our trans -  
low - ly Lived be - low; Now as our glo - rious Might - y Re -  
hold Him On His throne; Wor - thy our Sav - ior Of all our

gres - sions, All our de - mer - its On Him fall.  
deem - er, See Him vic - to - rious O'er each foe.  
prais - es; Hap - py for - ev - er Are His own.

WORDS: Mary MacDonald, 1789-1872; tr. Lachlan Macbean, 1853-1931  
MUSIC: Gaelic Melody; arr. Mark Hayes, 1953-

BUNESSAN  
5.5.5.3.D.

## Candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ



1. The can - dle of hope we light in this hour Pro - claims that the  
2. The can - dle of peace shines bright with God's plan; The wolf will lie  
3. The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing, For God is at  
4. The can - dle of love tells what we are worth: God loves us so  
5. The Christ can - dle's light that shines for us here Tells out the good

Lord is com - ing in power. We wait for a fu - ture, now  
down and dwell - with the lamb. Our guns and our weap - ons, our  
work to do - a new thing. The proud will be hum - bled; the  
much, God came - to the earth! An an - gel brought news of a  
news that God - has come near! God came, a poor ba - by, in

hid - den from view, When Christ in his glo - ry will make - all things new.  
ha - tred and war, Will give way to gar - dens that heal - and re - store.  
low - ly will rise. God's king - dom is one of de - light - and sur - prise.  
child who would be The one who would save us and set - us all free.  
one time and place, To show all cre - a - tion the wealth - of God's grace.



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

## New Year's Eve Drop-in Communion

Thursday, December 31st from 4:00-8:00 p.m.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Sunday School with Rev. Wallyce Todd  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Monday, December 21

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Star Service at the  
Mercer farm in Chadbourn. Short  
message, music, and hot dogs  
(1040 Elroy Mercer Road, Chadbourn, NC)

### Thursday, December 24

#### ***Office Closed for Christmas Eve***

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

### Friday, December 24

#### ***Office Closed for Christmas***

### Thursday, December 31

4:00 – New Year's Eve Drop-in Open  
8:00 p.m. Communion

### Deacons of the Week

12/20 Ron Walters / Haywood Corbett  
12/27 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince  
1/03 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood  
1/10 David Carter / Charlie Duncan

Global Missions - Goal \$4,500, Received \$745  
Lottie Moon - Goal \$2,000, Received \$970



### **Ministerial Staff**

Dr. Wayne Brown, Interim Pastor  
Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

### **Support Staff**

Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant  
Mrs. Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant  
Mrs. Pat Slomanski, Interim Organist

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