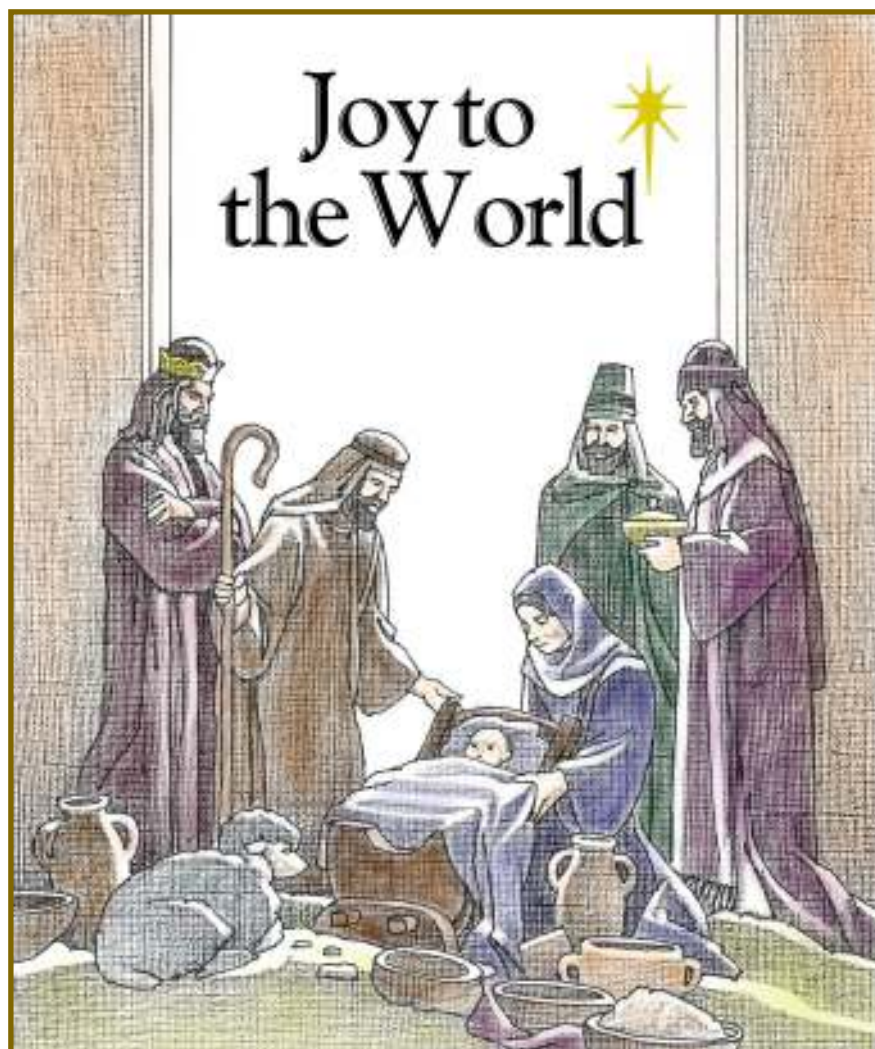


First Baptist Church



Whiteville, North Carolina

December 25, 2022

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Meditation

God, you spoke and your Word became flesh,
Breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world.
Grant that we may bear the good news of your salvation,
Proclaiming your promise of peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Prelude

Yuletide Echoes

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
arr. William Hodson

Call to Worship

Dr. Brown

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: The Word became flesh to live among us:

People: now we have seen the glory of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

People: Come, let us worship Christ, the newborn King!

Carol Fantasy

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today.
Man and beast before him bow,
And He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

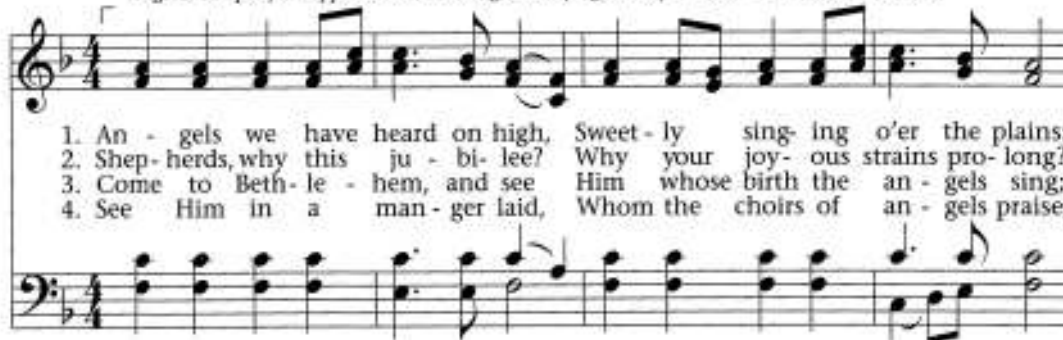
Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. (repeat refrain)

* Offertory Carol, No. 98	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	WALTHAM
* Offertory Prayer		Mrs. Kris Clyburn
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Mrs. Slomanski Adolphe Adam
* Offertory Response	<i>Doxology for Christmas</i>	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 <u>Has</u> come to thee, O Israel!	
Solo	<i>Sleep, Sweet Jesus, Sleep</i>	Rev. Eddie Fort Harold Abbey
The Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7; 52:7-10 Luke 2:1-20; John 1:1-18	Dr. Brown
Reflection	Happy Birthday to Jesus; the Blessed Son of God!	Dr. Brown
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 86	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
* Benediction		Dr. Brown
* Postlude	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> (from MESSIAH)	Mrs. Slomanski George Frideric Handel



Angels We Have Heard on High 100

A great company ... appeared with the angel ... saying, "Glory to God" — Luke 2:13-14 NIV



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains;
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS: Traditional French Carol; tr. source unknown, 1862, alt.
MUSIC: Traditional French Carol; arr. Warren M. Angell, 1907-

GLORIA
7.7.7.7. with Refrain

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

You believe in him and are filled with ... glorious joy — 1 Peter 1:8 NIV

1. Good Chris-tian men, re-|oice With heart and soul and voice!
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re-|oice With heart and soul and voice!
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re-|oice With heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day.
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this.
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save;

Man and beast be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Medieval Latin Carol, 14th Century; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
 MUSIC: Traditional German Carol, 14th Century

IN DULCI JUBILO
 Irregular

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning ... this child — Luke 2:17 NIV

Parts

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Fine

Solo

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er st - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C. al Fine

Be - hold thro' - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925

MUSIC: Negro spiritual; harm. John W. Work, III, 1901-1967

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GO TELL IT
7.6.7.6. with Refrain

98 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

And he will be their peace — Micah 5:5 NIV

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, The
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There
 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God
 5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The

old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the
 bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom Had rolled a - long th'un -
 is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the
 world re - volved from night to day A voice, a chime, a

words re - peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."
 right pre - vail, With peace on earth, good will to men."
 chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, good will to men.

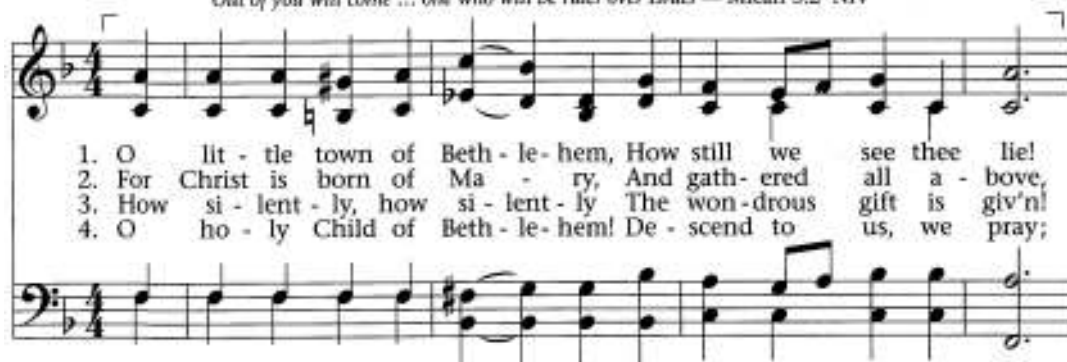
WORDS: Henry W. Longfellow, 1807-1882
 MUSIC: John Calkin, 1827-1905

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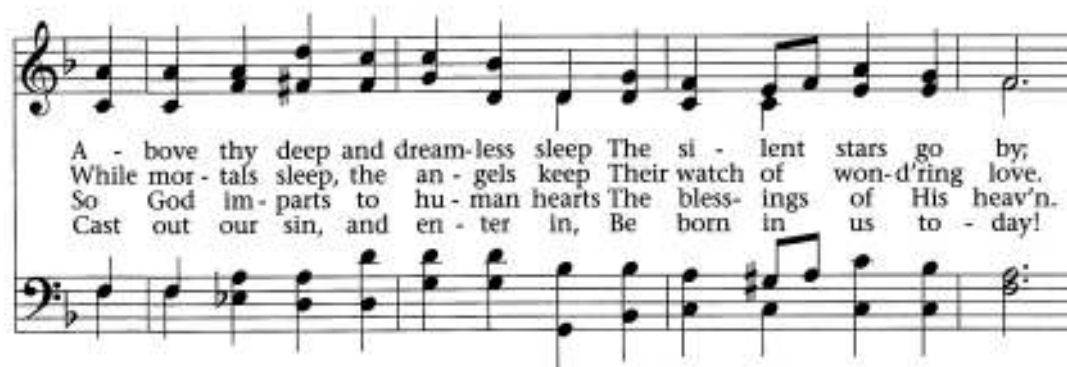
O Little Town of Bethlehem

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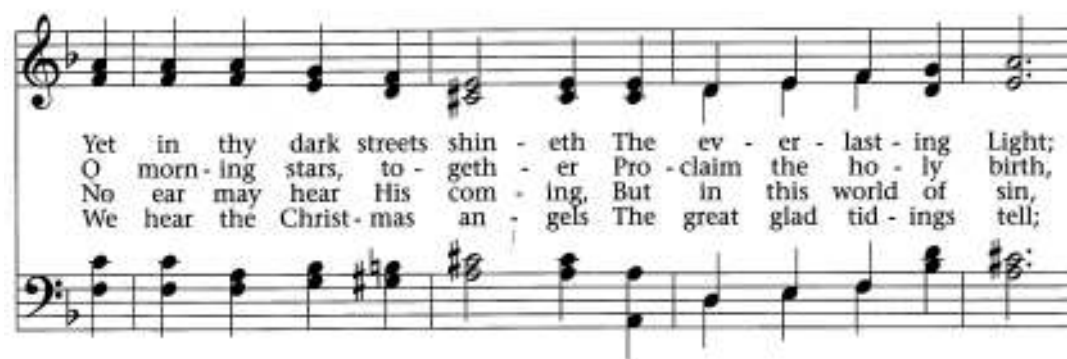
Out of you will come ... one who will be ruler over Israel — Micah 5:2 NIV



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by,
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day!



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

ST. LOUIS
Irregular

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. No Sunday School
Morning Worship

Monday, December 26

The church office will be closed.

Wednesday, December 28

No activities

Sunday, January 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion

Monday, January 2

The church office will be closed.



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

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