

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Merry Christmas!

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Trinity Ring

John Spinks

Call to Worship

Jeff Harris

O come, Thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Truly he taught us to love one another;

His law is love and his gospel is peace.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Peace on earth, and mercy mild;

God and sinners reconciled!

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Voluntary *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*

-Lee

Lighting the Candle of Love

Jeff, Jodi, Harper, Simms and Tilly Harris

Choral Response 80 *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love!

These are gifts You bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be

Light of Your love, reflected in me.

Invocation

Phil Feagan

†Carol 122 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

Luke 1:26-38, p. 43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John Spinks

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

Postlude

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

-arr. Larson

†Please stand if you are able.

Meditation

Of the Father's Love Begotten

-Lee

Titus 2:11-14, p. 167

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Keith Collins

Meditation

I Wonder as I Wander

-Norian

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Friends, let us love one another because love is from God,

**And everyone who loves is born of God
and knows God.**

Those who do not love,

do not know God because God is love.

The love of God is made visible among us in this way:

God's only son was sent in to the world so that we might
live through him.

This is the way of love:

Not that we have loved God

But that God has loved us,

And sent God's son to wipe away our sins. 1 John 4:7-10

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:9a

Jeff Harris

If we confess our sins,

he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Harris

Solo

Away in a Manger

-Hayes

Wendi Arms, soloist

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Come to the table by the center aisle, take a wafer, dip it in the cup,
partake of it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Meditation

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

-Berry

†Carol 114 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our
church through membership, may come forward at this time.