

*4th Sunday of Advent*



DECEMBER 19, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

One: Out of little Bethlehem will come a mighty Savior.

All: By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

One: to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

## PRELUDE

*Divinum mysterium*  
(Of the Father's Love Begotten)

- Raymond H. Haan  
(b.1938, American)

Shin-Ae Chun, *piano*, and Kathleen Ford, *cello*

## \*INVOCATION

Trudy Bradley

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Trudy Bradley

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Dannie Jones & Kat Becker

Duet

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

- arr. Shin-Ae Chun

Charlie Duke, *bass*, and Rob Duke, *baritone*

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward for Time as Children and then leave for Church School.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

*Arrival: Love*

Stacey Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## ANTHEM

*The Shepherds*

- Alfred V. Fedak

The shepherds were not waiting for the news that Christ was born.

They only waited for the night to turn into the morn.

The yearnings of the shepherds were for warmth and rest and bread.

They did not long for holy news from angels overhead.

The shepherds had not sought the news, but let themselves be stirred.  
They hurried off to Bethlehem to see the angel's word.  
How much like us the shepherds were, how much like them we are.  
We want a table, want a bed, want light to follow dark.  
Let us like shepherds listen to the word, the sign, the song,  
And let ourselves be stirred to seek the un-awaited One.  
Yes, let our souls be stirred to see the un-awaited One!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
Response: And also with you.

**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter auf Erden, BWV 650* - J.S. Bach  
(Come Thou Now, Jesus, from Heaven down to Earth) (1685-1750, German)

We pray for Joe & Kathy Mortensen, Ron Tipton, Esther Floyd, Iris Martin, Marilyn Marsh, Laura Parmelee, Jim Middleton, Ann Garvin, Katie Mason, Tom and Kim Voytal, Tom and Terri Rubenstein, John Rowe, Fay Key, Sam Storch, Leah Grange, Lisa Hesse, Kris Ledyard Arges, and Essie Slaughter.

Poinsettias have been given by

in loving memory of:

The Alaniz Family  
Katherine Becker  
Betty Doman  
Dee & Madeline Drake  
The Duke Family  
Mary Margaret Hatt  
Roberta Hause  
The Lee Family  
Nancy Rushton  
Lynn Suits

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*\*\* Poinsettias may be taken home after the  
Festival of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve \*\**



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Children and Youth are an important part of our life together at First Baptist Church. All children are welcome in worship. Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. If you are visiting and would like more information about our ministry with kids and youth, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Xan Morgan ([xan@fbca2.org](mailto:xan@fbca2.org)) or our Youth Minister, Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke ([staceyduke@gmail.com](mailto:staceyduke@gmail.com)).

Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Please come pick up your children from the Children's Ministry wing after worship. The nursery is available during worship for 3 year olds and younger.

Youth (6th-12th grade) go to the youth room for youth group immediately following worship.

Poetry & Faith. Join us online via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135916710>) for this adult spiritual formation opportunity, 11:30-12:30. Note: After today's session, the group will take a break on Dec 26 and Jan 2 and resume on Jan 9.

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesday nights at 8:30pm on our church Facebook page for a simple short service of prayer. Note: After the meeting on Dec 21, the group will take a break on Dec 28 and Jan 4 and resume on Jan 11.

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