



2nd Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 5, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

One: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

All: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill made low,

One: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Variations)

- Georg Bohm
(1661-1733)

*INVOCATION

(*If you are able, please stand)

Larry Bates

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Larry Bates

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Solo

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Lucy Thompson, *mezzo-soprano*

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

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

Stacey Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Arrival: Light

Stacey Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus

- Franklin Ritter

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.*

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring. *Refrain*

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne. *Refrain*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts", hymnal page 896)

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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We pray for the family and friends of Alta Feldman (aunt of Stacey Simpson Duke). We also 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, Janet Myers, Sam Storch, Leah Grange, Lisa Hesse, Kris Ledyard Arges, and Essie Slaughter.

We welcome Gale Kramer back to the organ this morning and thank him for sharing his talents in worship.

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You may place your offering in one of the offering plates at the exits at the end of the worship service. Or make your offering online at paypal.me/fbca2.

Our Fellowship Offering this morning goes to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). If you donate by check, please indicate RMMO in the memo line. If a cash donation, please use the envelopes located in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

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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) or our Youth Minister, Pastor Stacey Simpson Duke (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.

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesday nights at 8:30pm on our church Facebook page for a simple short service of prayer.



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