

First Baptist Church of Dayton  
Christmas Eve Worship 2020



~Illustration from the Saint John's Bible

*"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." ~John 1:14*



## The Music Prelude

Gregory Land, Organist

Silent Night ..... Franz Gruber; setting by Mark Hayes  
Greensleeves ..... Richard Purvis  
In Dulci Jubilo ..... J. S. Bach

## In Praise to the Lord

### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

### \*OPENING HYMN (see pg. 5)

#102 Joy to the World!  
ANTIOCH

In Genesis 3, one of the great tragedies in all of Scripture occurs. Adam and Eve sin against God, and are banished from the garden as God puts a curse upon the ground. It is a heartbreaking rupture in God's perfect creation, and it is hard not to read this text without feeling a twinge of despair. And yet, before the curse comes a promise. God declares that the woman shall bear offspring that will crush the head of the serpent. Jesus, the Son of Man and Son of God, will come to break the curse, to renew the creation, to make whole what is now broken. In Psalm 98, all of creation is called upon to make a joyful noise before God, for the Lord has come to "judge the earth", and restore His creation. We should not fail to see our own hand at work in the destruction of creation, in our sins of waste and decadence. This "judgment of the earth" is, in some part, a judgment of us as caretakers. But God is merciful and full of grace, and rather than leave everything in our hands, He give us the life-giver. In this beautiful hymn, Isaac Watts makes the connection between the coming of Christ into this world and the beginning of that restoration. Christ brings "joy to the world," a light where there is darkness, growth where there is decay. And we, along with all Creation, respond with a song of praise.

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Ryan Family (5pm)  
The Mikesell Family (7pm)

Throughout the Advent season, we have celebrated God's gifts of hope, peace, joy and love. Jesus coming to us was the Gift that made all those other gifts real in our lives. As we light the Christ Candle, we celebrate the coming of God in human form, bringing light to all the world.

## \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the birth of your holy child, Jesus, you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. As we hear your word this evening, grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (see pg. 6)

#125 v.1 Angels We Have Heard On High

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## \*THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1–20

Rev. Jason Alspaugh and Rev. David Coggins

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Leader:** For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

## HYMNS OF THE SEASON

First Baptist Church Quartets

William Henry Caldwell, Music Director

Quartet I: Tia Seay, Sara Vice, Parris Hobbs, Ray Landis (5pm)

Quartet II: Jeanne Kallenberg, Connie Holmen, Brad Kallenberg, Kent Berghuis (7pm)

O Come, All Ye Faithful #103 v 1, ADESTE FIDELES, I and II  
 O Little Town of Bethlehem #107 v 1, ST. LOUIS, II  
 He Is Born #106 v 1, IL EST NE, I  
 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child #114 v 1, TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, II  
 Emmanuel #120, McGEE, I and II  
 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #122 v 1, IN DULCI JUBILO, I  
 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing #133 v 1, SUSSEX CAROL, I and II  
 Go, Tell It On the Mountain #143 v 1,2,3, GO TELL IT, I and II

As we sing these hymns, let us continue to celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the understanding that we have to continue to social distance, and for those in the congregation to hum along while wearing masks. These traditional carols are favorites for many of us, and it is our intent to present them in a manner that is spiritually fulfilling, uplifting, and safe during this pandemic. From the Chancel Choir and its music director, please have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

**“Unexpected Gifts”**

The Service of Candlelighting

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN OF RESPONSE *(see pg. 7)*

#134 v.1 Silent Night, Holy Night  
 STILLE NACHT

This song was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 at S. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in the Austrian Empire on the Salzach river.

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Carol of the Bells ..... M. Leontovich  
 Ukrainian Carol

(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.  
 The Christmas Offering will be divided between the Music fund and the Organ fund.  
 Thank you!*



# Poinsettia Dedications

## **Daryl & Barbara Bogan**

*In honor of  
our daughters, sons-in-law,  
and grandchildren*

## **William Henry Caldwell**

*In memory of  
William & Hattie Caldwell  
James Arthur Williams*

## **David & Peggy Coggins**

*In memory of  
our parents*

## **Mark & Merriann Craig**

*In memory of  
Ruth Howell, grandmother  
Roger Craig, Tom & Louella Fenner, parents*

*In honor of  
Marilyn Craig, mother*

## **Bob Curry & Donna Miles Curry**

*In memory of our mothers  
Norma Curry and Lois Miles*

*In honor of  
our children and grandchildren*

## **Ted & Gina Greenwood**

*In memory of  
Ted's sister Kathy Easterling*

## **Susan & Don Harker**

*In memory of  
Marian and Mason Bagwell*

## **Tom Huguley**

*In loving memory of  
Merry V. Huguley  
Susan H. Johnson*

## **Brad & Jeanne Kallenberg**

*In memory of  
Karl & Betty Kallenberg  
Dick & Alice Dahle  
Rolf & Joyce Dahle  
Norman Dahle*

## **R. Alan Kimbrough**

*In memory of all those from First Baptist Church who  
who sing on another shore*

## **Tom & Janet Lasley**

*In memory of  
Mark Allen Lasley*

## **Mary Malone & Tami Charles**

*In memory of  
Claude Malone*

## **Greg Merkle**

*In honor of the FBC Congregation,  
my dad, and our family*

*In memory of my mom*

## **Barry Schlaile**

*In memory of my parents  
Fred & Phyllis Schlaile*

## **Jon & Julie Wolfe**

*In memory of  
Joe & Grace Wolfe  
Bill & Joan Pearson  
and loved ones*

## **Richard & Peggie Worthey**

*In memory of  
The Worthey, Blair, Womble,  
and McTier Families*

*Thank you to those who contributed to  
our beautiful array of poinsettias this year.*

OPENING HYMN

# 102 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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 - ery 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 heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven 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

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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9)  
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH  
 CM with repeat

# 125 Angels We Have Heard on High

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 heaven - 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 - ol Glo

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - ol

## Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight.  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light  
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;  
*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li-ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*

round yon vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,  
 Glo - ry streams from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia,  
 ra - diant beams from Thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;  
*nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li-ge Paar. Hold - er Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar,*

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."  
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.  
*schlaf in himm - li-scher Ruh', schlaf in himm - li-scher Ruh!"*

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young (st. 1, 3), 1863; tr. Anonymous (st. 2, 4)  
 MUSIC: Franz Grüber, 1818

STILLE NACHT  
 Irregular