

## The Worship of God

November 29, 2020

10:00 am

First Sunday in Advent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

### INCARNATION: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

**Call to Worship – Isaiah 40:1-2**

**Pastor Eric**

“Comfort, oh comfort my people,” says your God.

“Speak softly and tenderly to Jerusalem.”

Tell her that her sad days are gone and that her sins are pardoned – totally forgiven!

She’s been punished enough, more than enough, and now it’s over and done with.”

Listen! It’s the voice of someone shouting...

**Song of Preparation – *Prepare the Way of the Lord***

**Sanctuary Choir  
Sandra Sharron, pianist**

Words – Isaiah 40:3-5, music by William Rowan © 1987 Hope Publishing Co.

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight His path.

Prepare the way! Make straight His path.

Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low;

And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all mankind shall see it, shall see it together.

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight His path.

Prepare the way! Make straight His path.

**Invocation**

**Jon Samborski**

**Interlude on Veni Emmanuel arr. Innes**

**Grace Brodbeck, organ; Eve Lipoff, piano**

**Hymn of Advent – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - #175 (st. 1)**

Words from a Latin hymn, music from Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle - *Hope***

**Robert Jernigan and Chris Hill**

**Hymn of Hope – *One Candle is Lit* (st. 1) in the Chalice Hymnal**

Words by Mary Anne Parrott, music by William J. Kirkpatrick CRADLE SONG

Come surely Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.  
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

**Scriptures of Hope**

**Pastor Lynn Williams**

My hope is in the Lord – Psalm 39:7  
Be devoted to one another...rejoicing in hope.... Romans 12:10-13  
Now abide these three...faith, hope and love. – 1 Corinthians 13:13  
Just as you were called in one hope of your calling... Ephesians 4:4  
Because we have fixed our hope on the living God. – 1 Timothy 4:10  
Has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead. – 1 Peter 1:3

**Prayers of Hope**

**Pastor Lynn**

**Song of Testimony – *Emmanuel* - #201 (sing twice)**

Words and music by Bob McGee © 1976 C. A. Music McGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

**Scripture – Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:30-33; Revelation 19:11-16**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “King of Kings”**

**Pastor Eric**

**Song of Commitment – *Christ is Coming!* (st. 1, 2 & 4)**

Words by John R. MacDuff, music by John Hughes CWM RHONDDA

Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;  
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!  
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

We can now best tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;  
We shall yet behold your glory in your coming back to reign;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.  
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung  
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!  
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

**Benediction**

**Pastor Eric**

**Song of Sending – Doxology with Advent Refrain**

Words by Thomas Ken, music from Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Please remain seated until dismissed by one of our hosts. Thank you.**

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***Carols, Communion & Candlelight***

*This year we are offering two different Christmas Eve Services led by our pastors and worship leaders. We invite you to make plans to join us for one of these special services.*

*4:00 pm Family Service in the Fellowship Hall*

*5:30 pm Traditional Service in the Sanctuary*

*Due to limited seating, we ask that you please call the church office to make your reservation.*

**Decorating the Sanctuary with Poinsettias**

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary this Advent in memory or honor of a loved one this year! If so, please fill out a form (located at the check in desk) and include your payment (\$10.00 each). An insert will be in the bulletin with all names on Sunday, December 20th. Poinsettias may be taken home at the end of the Christmas Eve services.

