

The Worship of God

December 6, 2020

10:00 am

Second Sunday in Advent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

INCARNATION: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Invitation to Worship

Pastor Eric Spivey

Call to Worship

Pastor Eric

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

Be hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God.

We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice and peace for all.

Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Tim Swain

Hymn of Advent – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - #175 (st. 3)

Words from a Latin hymn, music from Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

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

Hanging of the Green

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – *Peace*

Harriet Spangler and Elizabeth Byrd

Hymn of Hope – *One Candle is Lit* (st. 2) in the Chalice Hymnal

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

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare

For a gift that compels us with justice to care.

Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.

One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

Poinsettias

Diane Adams and Beth Kinsey

Evergreens

Tiffany Gabriel

Wreaths

Jason and Brooke Brock

Song of the Season – *Angel's Medley*
flute

Josie Brooker, soprano, Beth Kinsey,

Candy Cane Tree

Jon and Martha Samborski

Bells

Carol Lavin

Song of the Season – *I Heard the Bells*

Grace Brodbeck, organ chimes

Nativity

Susan Balloon

Blessing of the Sanctuary

Pastor Lynn Williams

We have filled God's house with the beauty of this holy season – with evergreens,
poinsettias, trees, music, the Nativity and Holy Scripture;

**May we fill the world with the everlasting union found only in Christ whose
birth we celebrate.**

Let these decorations help tell the story of the season;

God, everlasting God.

With us.

Emmanuel!

Song of the Season – *Gesu Bambino*

Josie Brooker, soprano, Beth Kinsey, flute

Scripture – Matthew 1:20-21; John 3:17; Romans 5:8

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Message – "Our Savior"

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Song of Commitment – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*- #161 (st. 1, 3 & 4)

Words by Dorothy A Thrupp, music by William B. Bradbury BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee
Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction

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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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