

# The Worship of God

December 13, 2020

10:00 am

Third Sunday in Advent

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

## INCARNATION: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Lynn Williams**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Lynn and Donn Wisdom**

O God of glory, you invade our darkness with the glory of your celestial light.  
Split the clouds of our sin and fearfulness so that we may again see the shining  
radiance of your gracious love.

**O God of purest joy, you comfort us when we are mourning underneath  
our heavy loads of sorrow, loss and pain.**

O God of peace, you establish your reign among us as gifts of loving kindness  
and tender mercy.

As we have been consoled, so may we offer comfort to those in need.

As we have been sought out, so may we seek out the lost and abandoned.

As we have been freed from oppression, so may we help to set the captives free.

**As the Son was born for us, so may we be reborn for others.**

**As the Savior died to bring us light and life, so may we know that it is in dying  
that we are born to the joy of life eternal.**

**Invocation**

**Bing Nobles**

**Introit – *Emmanuel Carol***

**Benny Edwards, Doug Haney and Donn Wisdom**

**Hymn of Advent – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - #175 (st. 2)**

Words from a Latin hymn, music from Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – *Joy***

**Norm and Linda Stott**

**Hymn of Hope – *One Candle is Lit* (st. 3) in the Chalice Hymnal**

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

Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

**Songs of the Season**

**Trio**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*Mary's Little Boy Child*  
*Messiah Medley*

**Scripture – Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:14**

**Pastor Eric**

**Message – “Emmanuel”**

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**Songs of Response – *Emmanuel* - #201**

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

***Joy To the World!* - #181 (st. 1 & 4)**

Words by Isaac Watts, music by George Frederick Handel, arr. Lowell Mason ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing...

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love...

**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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Joining Donn in presenting music for worship today is Doug Haney, Minister of Music at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas and Benny Edwards, Director of Choral and Vocal Music at Holmes Community College, Goodman, Mississippi.

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