

The Worship of God

December 20, 2020

10:00 am

Fourth 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 Pastor Eric Spivey

Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which means...

God with us.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called...

Wonderful, counselor, Might God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

**We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Song of the Season – *Christmas Fantasia* – arr. Sandy Wilkinson

Grace Brodbeck, organ; Eve Lipoff, piano and Donn Wisdom, keyboard

Invocation

Pat Swain

Hymn of Advent – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - #175 (st. 4)

Words from a Latin hymn, music from Plainsong VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

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

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – *Love*

Bill and Nancy Smith

Hymn of Hope – *One Candle is Lit* (st. 4) in the Chalice Hymnal

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

Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
A babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

Songs of the Season – *The Light of the World is Jesus* - #88 in Baptist Hymnal 1956

Words and music by Philip P. Bliss LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, the Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in, the Light of the world is Jesus.
Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee; sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see: the Light of the world is Jesus.

***I Have Seen the Light* - #211**

Words by Chris Machen and Robert Sterling © 1989 Triad Music
I HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT

I have seen the Light shining in the darkness,
bursting through the shadows, delivering the dawn.
I have seen the Light whose holy name is Jesus;
His kingdom is forever. He reigns on heaven's throne.

Hymn of Discipleship – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Words and music by Kathleen Thomerson © 1970 Celebration

Donn Wisdom

Deacon Recognition

Pastor Eric

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eric

Song of the Season – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* - #192

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Felix Mendelssohn MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Scripture – John 1:1-5; John 8:12

Pastor Eric

Message – "Light in Darkness"

Pastor Eric

Song of Commitment – *Christmas Purpose*

Words by John Alan Chamness, music by William Croft ST. ANNE

Amazing love and pow'r divine were wrapped in flesh one day.
From kingly throne to humble birth, His pow'r He brought to save.

To rule as God to die as man, His resurrections showed
The God in Him to Christ in us — His love He has bestowed.

The angels praised, the shepherds came to see incarnate love.
They worshiped, bowed and witnessed sure God's blessing from above.

The wise men came from lands afar to honor God's own Son.
They gave Him gifts of precious worth to love God's blessed One.

So we, as they, must now proclaim our Savior's lowly birth.
To live our lives and tell the world of what He did on earth.

And then one day we'll see His face, we'll worship round His throne
To love Him, praise Him, call Him King — this priv'lege we shall own.

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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Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Diane Adams in memory of Tim Adams and in honor of FBC Pastors & Staff
Rhoda Atchison in memory of John Palmour
Don & Susan Balloon in memory of Winfred and Ruth Hazen, Robert Dean Balloon, Doris & Bill Balloon. In honor of Eric Spivey, Lynn Williams & Donn Wisdom
Elizabeth Byrd in memory of Timmy R. Byrd and Otto M. Spangler
Tiffany Gabriel in memory of Walter Grant, Sr. and Mary Louise Gabriel
Chris Hill in memory of Jimmy Hill
Robert Jernigan in memory of Francine Jernigan
Barbara Jordan in memory of Harvey H. Jordan, Sally Jordan and H. Dale Jordan
Beth Kinsey in memory of Tom Kinsey
Carol Lavin in memory of Lyle "Art" Anderson
Kathryn Monteith in memory of Ronald & Lynn Monteith, Bruce Monteith, Scott & Bonnie McKnight, and Chasteen & Katie Monteith
Bill & Nancy Smith in memory of Wayne & Carol Smith, Harold & Wanda Crews
Harriet Spangler in memory of Otto M. Spangler
Norm & Linda Stott in memory of Bobbie Rae Stott and Marc Jason Patton
Bob & Lynn Williams in memory of Howard C. Kerry and Robert & Peggy Williams