

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 20, 2020 First Baptist Church of Lafayette

Prelude "Pastoral Symphony" Melanie Manges

From Handel's Messiah

Welcome to Worship Len Wilson

#154

Gathering Song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

(Verse 1) 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!

(Verse 4) 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!

Call to Worship*1 Len Wilson

One: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of my child,

All: Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

One: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

All: Suddenly, love was overflowing.

One: I knew God, but when you showed me grace,

When you forgave me,

When you loved me,

When you raised me.

All: Suddenly, God was overflowing.

One: So, let us worship Holy God together

As a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

All: This is community.

One: This is the body of Christ.

All: Welcome home.

Hymn of Advent

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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(Verse 1) Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,Evermore and evermore!

(Verse 2) O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, blest with grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

Lighting the Candle of Love*

The Garrett Family

¹ *Call to Worship, Candle Litany, and Prayer written by Sarah Are/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org. "Those Who Dream" Artwork by A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org.

Response to Candle of Love "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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

Children's Sermon

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Hood

"Coventry Carol" arr. Kellner

Pastoral Prayer* & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hood

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Luke 1: 26-38 and Luke 1: 46b-55

Rev. Hood

Special Music

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Matt Hood, handbells, and Melanie Manges, xylophone

Original Artwork by Melody Fei, age 9

Sermon

"THOSE WHO DREAM... are not alone"

Rev. Hood

Hymn of Love

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

#210

(Verse 1) Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;

Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

(Verse 2) Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;

Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

(Verse 3) Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;

Love to God and neighbor, love for pleas and gift and sign.

Offering

Rev. Hood

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,

Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,

That we might praise you not with our words only,

But with our whole lives. Amen.

Offertory "Away in a Manger"

Matt Hood & Melanie Manges

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Announcements Rev. Hood

Benediction Rev. Hood

Postlude "Silent Night"/"The First Noel" Melanie Manges arr. Smith



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Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry
Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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