



**Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6, 2020
First Baptist Church of Lafayette**

Prelude	"The Snow Lay On the Ground"	Handbell Choir
Welcome to Worship		Charles Gullion
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 2) 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!	#154

Call to Worship*¹

Charles Gullion

One: John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way."
So, family of faith, how do we prepare our *minds* for worship?

All: We silence the inner critic.
We let go of busy thoughts.
We make space for God to speak.

One: How do we prepare our *hearts* for worship?

All: We bless all emotions.
We feel what we feel.
We open ourselves up to moved.

One: How do we prepare our *bodies* for worship?

All: We take in the scent, sight, and feel of this space.
We breathe in God's mercy.
We exhale God's love.

One: How do we prepare our *souls* for worship?

All: We bring our full selves into this [time of worship].
We wear our hearts on our sleeves.
We trust that even now, God is here.

One: Family of faith, what we practice in worship,
we must live out in our daily lives.
So prepare the way.
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn of Advent

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
(Verse 1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh:
Awake and listen for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

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(Verse 2) Let every heart be cleansed from sin,

¹ *Call to Worship, Candle Litany, and Prayer written by Sarah Are/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org.
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Make straight the way for God within,
And so prepare to be the home
Where such a mighty guest may come.
(Verse 5) To you, O Christ, all praises be,
Whose advent sets your people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore!

Children's Sermon

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Lighting the Candle of Peace*

Aurie Swartz & Pamela Pickett

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

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*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!*

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Hood

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.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Rev. Hood

Special Music

"Joy to the World"

Handbell Choir

Sermon

"THOSE WHO DREAM. . . *prepare the way*"

Rev. Hood

Invitation to the Table

Hymn of Peace

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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

"Noel"
arr. Ouher

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

"Noel"
arr. McLean

Melanie Manges



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Worship Leaders In This Service:

Charles Gullion, Worship Leader

Caleb Clement, Vocalist & Handbell Choir

Harriet Coppoc & Gordon Coppoc, Handbell Choir

Aurie Swartz & Pamela Choir, Advent Candle Lighters

Melanie Manges, Organist/Pianist

Aurie Swartz, Director of Communications & Technology

Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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