



Homesick

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021
First Baptist Church of Lafayette

Prelude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Bober
Melanie Manges, piano

Welcome to Worship Shawn Huddy

Hymn of Advent "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #153

(Verse 1) Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

(Verse 2) Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,

Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Call to Worship*

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

We are homesick for a just world,

for peace like rivers,

for the end of suffering.

* Call to Worship, Candle Liturgy, Logo, & Benediction by Rev. Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

Yes, we are homesick-

**for joy that is contagious,
for nations that feel like neighbors,
and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

We are homesick, but we are on our way.

God is here. God is still creating.

Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn of Hope

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

#176

(Verse 1) Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: behold the King of glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

(Verse 3) Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord, abide!

Let me your inner presence feel: your grace and love in me reveal.

(Verse 4) So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!

Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Rev. Kim Brewer, Jason Brewer & Children

Response to Candle of Hope[†]

Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

Missions Moment

LUM Jubilee Christmas video

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Bennett

Melanie Manges, piano

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hood

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New Testament Reading	Luke 21: 25-36	Bryleigh Peele
Worship Arts	“Wherever You Are” [‡]	Nathan & Becky Bliss
Sermon	A Homesick Hope	Rev. Hood
Hymn of Hope	“All Earth is Hopeful”	#163

(Verse 1) All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!

Furrows lie open for God’s creative task:

This, the labor of people who struggle to see

How God’s truth and justice set everybody free.

(Verse 2) People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:

“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”;

She conceived him, “God with us,” our brother, whose birth

Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Offering		Shawn Huddy
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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	“The Day is Surely Drawing Near”	Praetorius
	Melanie Manges, organ	

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

[‡] “Wherever You Are,” written & produced by Barnaby Bright (Nathan & Becky Bliss), barnabybright.com. Featuring cello by Sascha Groschang, mixed by Bryan Cook & mastered by Jett Galindo at “The Bakery. Featuring visual art by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Lauren Wright Pittman, and Hannah Garrity. Video by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

Congregational Response to New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.

We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

Announcements		Rev. Hood
Benediction		Rev. Hood
Postlude	“Once He Came in Blessing” Melanie Manges, organ	Buttstedt

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Worship Leaders In This Service:

Shawn Huddy, Worship Leader

Bryleigh Peele, Scripture Reader

Madi Dyck, Fall 2021 Music Ministry Intern

Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry

Melanie Manges, Organist/Pianist

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Rev. Kim Brewer, Associate Pastor

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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