



# Invited Home

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

First Baptist Church of Lafayette

**Prelude**

“O Come”

arr. Herin

Lydia Herin, piano

**Welcome to Worship**

Rev. Kim Brewer

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Brewer

An unmarried teenage girl was invited-

**to carry Christ into this world.**

An ordinary carpenter was invited-

**to be a father to a child unlike any other.**

The shepherds were invited-

**outcast and isolated, included at the manger.**

The Magi were invited-

**foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.**

And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited-

**then we can trust that we too are invited.**

This story is for us.

**This love is for us.**

Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

**Amen.**

**Worship Arts**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Harriet Coppoc, flutist

**Congregational Song**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#182

(Verse 1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

(Verse 2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

(Verse 3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Brewer

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Craig & Wendy Cox

**Response to Candle**

*O come let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

**The Ordinance of Baptism**

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Miss Shelby Carrico

Mr. Christian Christos

**Congregational Response**

Brothers & sisters, we now receive Shelby/Christian into Christ's church.

I charge you to nurture and love Shelby/Christian

And to assist her/him to be Christ's faithful disciple.

**With joy and thanksgiving,  
We now welcome you into Christ's church;  
For we are all one in Christ.  
We promise to love, encourage, and support you  
And to help you know and follow Christ.  
*Amen.***

**Congregational Song** "Joy to the World" #179

(Verse 1) Joy to the world!

The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

(Verse 4) He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

And wonders, wonders of his love.

**Offering** Rev. Brewer

*God of every good and perfect gift,*

*We thank you for your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*In this season when so many gifts are given and received,*

*We pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now.*

*Use them according to your purpose and plans,*

*Bringing your good news of great joy to all people through Jesus, our Savior. Amen*

**Offertory** "Christmas Medley" arr. Herin

The Herin Family, vocalists

**New Testament Reading** Luke 2: 1-20 Rev. Hood

**Worship Arts** "This Silent Night" Lopez

Chancel Choir

**Homily** "Invited Home" Rev. Hood

**The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper**

Rev. Brewer & Rev. Hood

*Tonight, we celebrate the Lord's Supper in an adapted format, which means you will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup in individual cups. We ask that you take your two cups, and then return to your seats before consuming them.*

*All are welcome at God's bountiful table of love and mercy to receive this gift.*

*If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to find something to stand in for the bread & the cup, and join us in this action of remembrance.*

**Worship Arts**

"Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)"

arr. Gambill

Madi Dyck, Vocalist

**Congregational Hymn**

"Silent Night"

#186

(Verse 1) Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright

'round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

(Verse 3) Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,

Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Benediction**

Rev. Hood

**Postlude**

"The First Noel"

arr. Bober

Melanie Manges, piano

**Worship Leaders In This Service:**

Harriet Coppoc, flutist

Madi Dyck, Fall 2021 Music Ministry Intern

Dwight, Lydia, Ryon, & Jacob Herin, Vocalists

Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry

Melanie Manges, Organist/Pianist

Aurie Swartz, Director of Communications & Technology

Rev. Kim Brewer, Associate Pastor & Seminary Intern

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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