



CHOSEN HOME

First Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Baptist Church of Lafayette

Prelude

“Noel”

Daquin

Melanie Manges, organ

Welcome to Worship

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

Jesus is among us!

Alleluia!

The Word has become flesh!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sylvia Mohler

Congregational Song

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#185

(Verse 1) 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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

(Verse 3) Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and lift to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we may no more die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Call to Worship*

Sylvia Mohler

Jesus said,

"This is my Father's house."

Come into this space

Speaking your truth.

Come into this space

With your authentic self.

This is God's home.

This is our home.

Let us worship God.

Congregational Song

"Away in a Manger"

#203

(Verse 1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

(Verse 2) The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

(Verse 3) Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

* Call to Worship, Pastoral Prayer, & Benediction by Rev. Sarah Are Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

Lighting of the Advent Candles[†]

We light these candles once again in celebration
of the light of the life, now with us forevermore.

For the Word has become flesh and is dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
Full of grace and truth.

Glory to God! Amen

Response to the Lighting of the Advent Candles

O come let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

Children's Sermon

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Congregational Song

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#198

(Verse 1) Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

(Verse 2) Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Hood

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Greene/Schrader

Melanie Manges, piano

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hood

[†] Candle Liturgy from Feasting on the Word, Advent Worship Companion.

Congregational Song

“O Holy Night”

#187

(Verse 1) O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine!

O night when Christ was born! O night divine! O night, O night divine!

(Verse 3) Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.

Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising, let all within us praise his holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

His power and glory evermore proclaim!

New Testament Reading

Luke 2: 41-52

Homily

“Chosen Home”

Rev. Hood

Congregational Song

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

#218

(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.

(Verse 1) While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.

(Verse 2) The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.

(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.

(Verse 3) Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.

Offering

Sylvia Mohler

*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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

J. S. Bach

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*

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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Melanie Manges, piano

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