



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 24, 2016

Five O'Clock in the Evening

Christmas Eve

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Jodi Harris

Lighting the Christ Candle (Isaiah 9:2, 6; John 1:1-5)

Michael Baughman, Stephen Morris, Rachel Vining, Jeff and Jodi Harris

Opening Prayer

Jeff Harris

Wake us up, O Lord,

to the beauty and goodness that surround us.

Teach us patience,

so that we might be faithful followers of Jesus.

Guide us in your ways of simplicity and contentment,

for the sake of the world.

For a child has been born for us;

and his name is

Wonderful Counsellor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Prelude

Gentle Mary Laid her Child, O Come, All Ye Faithful
Donis Schweizer, violin

-McCaskill/Gilliam

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†**Hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sin, all ye bright hosts of heav'n 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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
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!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

“Gabe”

Stephen Morris

†Hymn, *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star the wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath brought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Scripture Reading, Luke 2:1-16
Matthew 2:1-2,9-11

Jodi Harris

Guitar Solo

Silent Night

Michael Baughman

Meditation

Jeff Harris

Solo

Still, Still, Still

Erin Fox

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Friends, let us love one another because love is from God,
And everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Those who do not love, do not know God because God is love.
The love of God is made visible among us in this way:
God's only son was sent in to the world so that we might live through him.
This is the way of love:
Not that we have loved God
But that God has loved us,
And sent God's son to wipe away our sins. (I John 4:7-10)

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "**This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**"
In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
(I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Piano Solo

Away in a Manger

Charley Dusenbury

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Harris

Receiving the Meal

(Come to the table, take a wafer, dip it in the cup, partake of it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.)

Solo

O Holy Night

Kim McFarland

Prayers of the People

Jeff Harris

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn, *Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

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.

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.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

†**Hymn, *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come***

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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.

†**Benediction**

Jeff Harris

†**Postlude**

Joy to the World

Lloyd Larson

As we celebrate the Savior's birth, we also remember the hungry in our community. We will collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. You may give to this offering as you exit tonight.

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Tryon. If you are a guest, we are grateful that you're here.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

We thank Donis Schweizer, Michael Baughman, Erin Fox, Charley Dusenbury, and Kim McFarland for their music tonight.

You are invited to worship with us tomorrow, December 25, at 11am! Come as you are. We will sing lots of carols, the worship will be kid-friendly, and our children will lead us in an impromptu nativity.

Christmas Food Boxes Given to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

Don & Carol Batts	In Honor of First Baptist Tryon
Ed & Nancy Britton	In Honor and Memory of our Parents
Elizabeth Burrell	In Honor of our Staff at First Baptist Church
Sally Jo Carter	In Honor of Jodi & Jeff Harris
Keith & Debbie Collins	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Kay Greene	In Honor of my Church Family
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of Bill & Dot McFarland
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of CT and Anniebelle Hudson
JT & Cathy Johnson	In Memory of Christopher Todd Johnson
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Launa Metcalf, Evelyn Chapman, & Jane Strong
Beth & Rick McCallister	In Memory of Meredith
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Ellis and Linda Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Gerald and Carole McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Ellis & Ann Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hulon & Betty McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Frances Henson
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hazel Forrester
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Homer & Allen Durham
Ken & Leslie Raymond	In Honor of our Mothers, Judith Reddix & Eileen Moore
Robbie & Leta Scruggs	In Memory of R.B. and Polly Scruggs
Franklin Williams	In Memory of Dad and Mother

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