

First Baptist Church of York



December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*W*E THANK THEE,
AND *praise* THY
glorious
name.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

FOR YOUR COMFORT During the worship service, if the temperature is cooler than you like, you are welcome to borrow one of the knit shawls provided in the coat room. Please remember to leave the shawl behind after the service.

Worship Leader: Bob T

Children's Song:

"Let's Get Ready, a Savior's Coming"

Prelude:

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

(arr. Hayes)

*Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

(words: unknown author, 15th century)

Advent Candle Lighting

Song of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

"Dawning Light of Our Salvation"

(Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Bruce Benedict.

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Long in darkness Israel wandered,
long in mortal shadows, we
walked in bondage and self-pity,
trod in paths of sin and grief.

In the prophets' words He told us,
long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:

*Ev'ry valley be exalted!
Ev'ry mountain be made plain.
Crooked ways repent and straighten,
all creation bend in praise.*

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
born of David's lineage, He
comes in cov'nant love to claim us
from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness,
life to those from death who flee,
joy unto the earth, and gladness,
to your pathways dawning peace!
(refrain)

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior;
David's Son and yet his King,
dawning light of our salvation,
of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, O lame, and dance ye broken,
know the Savior's healing grace;
come, O deaf, and hear him singing;
turn, O blind, behold His face!
(refrain, repeated)

Ministry of Music:

"Bring Us Hope"

(Schram)

- The Choir
Lilly G, cello

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

“Joy to the World”

(Handel, arr. Sorenson)

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Part I: Joseph and the Angel

Song: **“Emmanuel”**

(By Bob McGee. ©1976 C. A. Music)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Part II: Caesar Augustus and the Journey to Bethlehem

Song: **“Away in a Manger”**

(Hymn # 203)

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.

Part III: Shepherds and Angels

Song: **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

(Hymn #185)

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."

Part IV: Wise Persons & Star

Song: "**We Three Kings of Orient Are**"

(Hymn #233)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Part V: Invitation

Song: "**Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**"

(Text: Emily Elliot, Music: Timothy Matthews)

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
For Thy holy nativity.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus:
There is room in my heart for Thee!*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree,
But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth
And in great humility.
(refrain)

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree,
But Thy couch was the sod,
O Thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee.
(refrain)

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word

That should set Thy people free,
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary.

(refrain)

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying
"Yet there is room, There is room at my side for Thee."

And my heart shall rejoice,
Lord Jesus, When Thou comest and callest me. Amen

Benediction

Postlude:

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

(In Dulci Jubilo, arr. Pethel)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 24-30

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:10am	Prayer
	10:30am	Worship and Children's Pageant
	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle-lighting
Monday - Tuesday	Church office closed. Merry Christmas!	



Prayer Chain

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Rich D, Shirley D, Tina D, Esther D, J D,
Charles G, Erik H, Bill K, Alice M, Leslie M,
Jean M, Gloria N, Preston O, Tristan S,
Jeanette S, Dr. Bill S, Don & Diane S,
Paul S, Buddy W, Grace W, India Bible Literature,
direction for our Children and Youth program, our Military,
our President and other elected officials, those affected by
disastrous and tragic recent events worldwide

VIPS:

Lamar & Janet F, Flo L, Marcus M, Jean M,
Ken & Etta* M, Dorothy R, Betty T (*Caregiver)

CHILDREN'S

WORSHIP and

NURSERY:

All children **remain in the worship service** today. The nursery is available on a self-serve basis if needed.

BIRTHDAYS

25 Jesus Our Lord

26 Grant H

27 Bev M

COOKIE

VISITORS:

Daryl & Patsy H

ANNIVERSARY

28/57 Larry & Connie F

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY

25 David Reed -
Iberoamerica
& the Caribbean

JOIN US at FBCOY and invite a friend for a worshipful Christmas Eve candle lighting service **tonight at 6:30pm**. Invitation cards are available on the welcome table in the narthex.

THANK YOU ALL for your love, support and prayers regarding my eye surgery this past Monday. Miracles are still happening among us and I praise God and give him all the glory for it! - Bill K

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES: During December we are taking our annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Special envelopes are provided on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also include a gift along with your regular tithes and offerings by writing "RMMO" and the amount you wish to designate on your envelope.

GIVING TREE: Access-York, a program that seeks to eliminate domestic violence in York and offer support, education, and a safe environment for victims of such violence, is in need of socks and gloves for adult women. Children's gloves or mittens are also needed. If you would like to donate any of these items, please hang them on the Giving Tree located at the top of the stairs in the narthex no later than Christmas Day.

SAVE THE DATES! The annual Church Retreat is scheduled for **March 2-4, 2018**, at beautiful Camp Hebron. Our leader will be Rev. Kevin Walden.

PRAYER THOUGHT: For the mercy O Lord that You have for me, I approach Your throne of grace, to glorify Your Name and say Hallelujah God Almighty, Living King, for the opportunity to live until this day. I celebrate for one more day Your mercies and that the main expression of Your love became flesh and walked with us, so I could be saved. O Great Lord how big and unexplainable is Your love for me! It cannot be described in human words, so I can only adore You through my obedience. Help me O Christ to forget my ways and remember that You have a better plan for me, to understand that the air that I breathe is a gift from You and nothing that I deserve. O Dear Lord help me to live each day as if it were the last, to serve You and share Your word with others as You shared salvation through Your beloved son, Jesus. I pray O Lord that I can live to believe Your word, without hesitation, without fear, and be ready to see Your face when You decide to return. I pray in Jesus name, Amen!
(by Mercedes A)

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Church office hours are from 9 a.m.-12 noon, Monday through Friday.