



*December 23, 2018*

**First Baptist Church of York**

*"Building passionate  
connections  
between people and a life-changing God."*



## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

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:** Linda M.

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

#### **"The Holly and the Ivy"**

(arr.by Patricia A. Sanders)

Jubilee Ringers

*The holly bears a blossom*

*As white as lily flower;*

*And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ*

*To be our sweet Savior.*

*The holly bears a berry*

*As red as any blood;*

*And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ*

*To do poor sinners good*

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Rob C.

As we light our advent candle

We thank you for the joy you give.

As we prepare for Christmas day

Light of the world, shine on us.

**In the midst of sorrow**

**Bring joy to our hearts.**

**To all the people who don't know you,**

**Light of the world, shine through us.**

In this world of pain and darkness,

Help us to find joy in serving you.

In our service here today,

Light of the world, light the way.

**Songs 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.

*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)*

**"Joy to the World!"**

(Hymn #179)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God**

*(During the offering, all children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed to children's worship.)*

**Offertory**

**"Carol of the Bells"**

(Leontovich, arr. Hayes)

**Ministry of Music "Emmanuel-God With Us" (Lloyd Larson)**

**1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*with* Come, Messiah King

Come, O come, Messiah King, Promised Son,  
sent to redeem us one by one,  
so we may tell the wonders of your matchless love,  
Emmanuel.

**2. Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Keith B., soloist

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain made low."  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;  
All people shall see it together.  
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it;  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed!"

**3. Emmanuel, God with Us (Nathan & Christy Nockels)**

*with* Emmanuel (Michael W. Smith)

O Emmanuel, God with us;  
Spirit revealed in us, that we may be your hope to the world!  
O Emmanuel, God with us;  
with a light to break the darkness,  
that we may show your hope to the world!

Be God in us.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.  
Wonderful Counselor, Lord of life, Lord of all,  
He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

**4. Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)** (Chris Eaton & Amy Grant)

Megan C., soloist

I have traveled many moonless nights,  
cold and weary with a babe inside,  
and I wonder what I've done.  
Holy Father, you have come  
and chosen me now to carry your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer;  
I am frightened by the load I bear.  
In a world as cold as stone,  
must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now, be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,  
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.  
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,  
pour over me your holiness,  
for you are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face,  
if a wiser one should have had my place?  
But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan.  
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

**5. Mary, Did You Know?** (Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene)

Mary, did you know  
that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary, did you know  
that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know  
that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know  
that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kissed your little baby,  
you kissed the face of God?  
Mary did you know?  
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again!  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know  
that your baby boy will one day rule the nation?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?  
And this sleeping child you're holding,  
He is the great I AM!  
Mary did you know?

**6. Christmastime** (Michael W. Smith & Joanna Carlson)  
*with Angels We Have Heard on High*

Ring Christmas bells, ring them loud  
with a message bringing peace on the earth,  
tidings of good cheer!  
Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing,  
"Joy to the world!" Christmastime is here!  
Children gather around and listen  
You'll hear the sound of angels filling the sky  
telling everyone Christmas time is here!  
Loved ones close to our hearts  
and strangers in lands afar together sharing the joy;  
Emmanuel! Go tell the world!  
He has come to dwell! The time is here!  
With one voice, let the world rejoice!

**7. No Eye Had Seen** (Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant)

*with Once In Royal David's City and O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

No eye had seen, no ear had heard  
'Til hosts on high proclaimed the birth.  
And heaven brought down (Quietly with no one watching,  
Its only child; (From the womb of perfect peace,  
The son of man, (Wellspring of the joy delivered,  
The world reconciled. (To the world now reconciled.)

And song broke forth, angelic strain;  
And none could help but sing the name.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

**8. One Small Child** (David Meece)

One small Child in the land of a thousand,  
one small dream of a Savior tonight,  
one small hand reaching out to the starlight,  
one small city of life.

One king bringing his gold and riches,  
one king ruling an army of might,  
one king kneeling with incense and candlelight,  
one King bringing us life.

See him lying a cradle beneath him;  
see him smiling in the stall.  
See his mother praising his Father;  
see his tiny eyelids fall.

One small light from the flame of a candle,  
one small light from a city of might,  
one small light from the stars in the endless night,  
one small light from a face.

See the shepherds kneeling before him;  
see the kings on bended knee,  
See his mother praising his Father;  
see the blessed Infant sleep.  
One small Child in a land of a thousand,  
one small dream in a people of might,  
one small hand reaching out to the starlight,  
one small Savior of life.

### **9. O Holy Child of Bethlehem**

*with* Of the Father's Love Begotten; O Little Town of Bethlehem;  
Silent Night! Holy Night!; Emmanuel, God With Us

O Emmanuel, God with us;  
Spirit revealed in us,  
that we may be your hope to the world!  
O Emmanuel, God with us;  
with a light to break the darkness  
that we may show your hope to the world!  
Be God in us.  
God with us still, Emmanuel.

### **Song of Response & Invitation:**

(You are extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. By coming to the front of the room as we sing, you will enable us to speak with you about this decision. Also, if you desire to join with this church as a member, you are invited to come forward.)

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

(Hymn #185)

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

**"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"**

(arr. Johnson)



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

Ed A., Libby B., Rich D., Shirley D., Julian D.,  
Joyce G., Charles & Leigh Ann G., Janet H., Vera K., Kim L., Jane M.,  
Bonita M., Gloria N., Gary O.,  
Julia R., Tristan S, Jeannette S.,  
Don & Diane S., Lee S., Paul S., Brenda T.,  
Rick T., Stan W., Buddy W.,  
India Bible Literature, our Military,  
our President and other elected officials

**VIPs:**

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

**NURSERY**

Jenah D.

**BIRTHDAYS**

23 Evie M.

23 Pat N.

26 Grant H.

27 Bev M.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

4yrs.-2nd Grade: Esther D.

**ANNIVERSARY**

28/57 Larry & Connie F.

**MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY**

25 David Reed - Iberoamerica & the Caribbean

Christmas  
Eve  
Worship



**December 24th at 6:30pm**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE:** On Sunday morning, **December 30th** we will be **cancelling Sunday School** and holding a special prayer and praise hymn sing at 10:30. You will have an opportunity to share how you have seen God work in your life this past year. We also will be celebrating two baptisms that morning. This is a favorite service for many. Plan on attending.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Please join us for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, **January 5th**. Come any time between 8am and 10am for a delicious cooked breakfast. All ages welcome. Park in the front of the church as we will serve breakfast in the narthex. Cash donations (or checks made payable to FBCOY) will be collected to support those going to Hope Mountain for the mission trip in February. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATES:** First Baptist's adult retreat will be held from **March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Camp Hebron. This year the retreat leaders will be Linda and John M. Linda will be leading the sessions and John will be leading the music portion of the retreat. The retreat theme is "I Wanna Grow Up! - Being intentional about spiritual growth" and will include opportunities for self-evaluation as well as small and large group activities. Watch for additional information!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who prepared costumes, props, and worked with our children for last Sunday's play. In particular we want to thank Jenn H., John M., Judy E., Jackie S., Monica W., Tracy C., Tina D., Tina W., Bob M., Patsy H., Jenn B., Keith B., Linda M., Kristi S., Sara K., River S., Sage S., Megan C., Julia R., Ilene G., Debbie R., Dustin H. and Nicole S.

**GOOD NEWS MINISTRY:** After we dropped off the collected items on Monday, we got an email from Chaplain Darin: "A huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped make the Christmas goody bag ministry a success! We had a wonderful supply of donated items and a fantastic crew of volunteers to help put the bags together and pass them out. Inmates expressed a great deal of thanks and have asked me to pass that thanks on to you! Merry Christmas!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT:**

Amazing God,

Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts. Lovely Father, make us strong and courageous for the road ahead is often dark before our eyes, give supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted. We confess our need for you. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives, for this coming year. Shine, God of Heaven and Earth, your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us, may all your plans succeed despite of us. Help us Lord, to see through your eyes, reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus Christ our savior we pray!

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE NEXT WEEK:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob T.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

4yrs.-2nd Grade: Sue F.

3rd Grade and up: Keith B.

Please inform the church office if there are any revisions or corrections.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**December 23-29**

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:10am	Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
Monday	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday	5:30pm	Volleyball

<b><u>Choir</u></b>	<b><u>Jubilee Ringers</u></b>	<b><u>Praise Band</u></b>
Deb A.	Deb A.	Mercedes A.
Keith B.	Jenn B.	Noel A.
Tracy C.	Keith B.	Deb A.
Megan C.	Megan C.	Keith B.
Rich D.	Jenah D.	Megan C.
Leigh Ann G.	Ilene G.	Bill K.
Sara K.	Sara K.	Sara K.
Charlie K.	Amy L.	Charlie K.
Vernice K.	Linda M.	Vernice K.
Linda M.	Evie M.	Linda M.
Pastor Tim M.	Grant M.	Jackie S.
Jackie S.	Jackie S.	

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Kristi S.

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