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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 2022

11:00 a.m.



Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here.

Masks are recommended but not required.

Children are a treasured part of this community! Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyers. Children are free to use these resources during the worship service as they sit in the pews or in the Wiggle Room.

For families who prefer to worship together in a more informal setting, the service may be seen and heard in the Wiggle Room (aka Brawley Room) adjacent to the sanctuary. Arts, crafts, books and other materials are also available there to engage younger children.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* - J.S. Bach Christian Broughton

Gathering Pastor Anita Peebles

***Opening Carol** *The First Noel*

The first Noel, the angels 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:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the One, Emmanuel.

They looked up and saw 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:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the One, Emmanuel.

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
And with His blood us all hath taught:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the One, Emmanuel.

Time with Children Pastor Anita Peebles and Rev. Jason Smith

Advent Candle Lighting Theresa Pruett, Marge Edwards, Emily Pruett

Wreath Lighting Song *Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)* see insert
Brooke Rolston, Aaron Burkhalter, and Pastor Anita Peebles

Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer Margie Paynton

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.

***Prayer Hymn** *O Loving Founder of the Stars* #111
Please sing verses 1-4

Prayer Pastor Anita Peebles

Anthem *Pacem* - Lee Dengler Sanctuary Choir and Teddy Wiggins, violin
“Grant us peace, and on Earth, goodwill to all.”

Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16 Janet Balcom Whitlock

Sermon Rev. Jason Smith
Executive Director of BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz

***Closing Hymn** *Joy to the World*

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings known,
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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 and wonders of his love.

Benediction Rev. Jason Smith

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* - arr. Alfred V. Fedak Christian Broughton



Notes for Worship: **Teddy Wiggins**, violinist, is an alumnus of the New World Symphony in Miami Beach. He has performed with some of the world’s most celebrated ensembles, such as the Verbier Festival Orchestra and the Grant Park Orchestra of Chicago, where he has played under the batons of Roberto Abbado, Michael Tilson Thomas, John Williams, and others. We are so grateful for his presence in worship today.

Today at 3:00pm, Joyful Noise presents *A Winter Lullaby!* In the Sanctuary Monday, December 19th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary - tickets available at the door.

Next Sunday, Christmas Sunday! December 25th - **Pastor Anita Peebles** preaching. Wear your Christmas pj’s and sweaters!

Merry Christmas