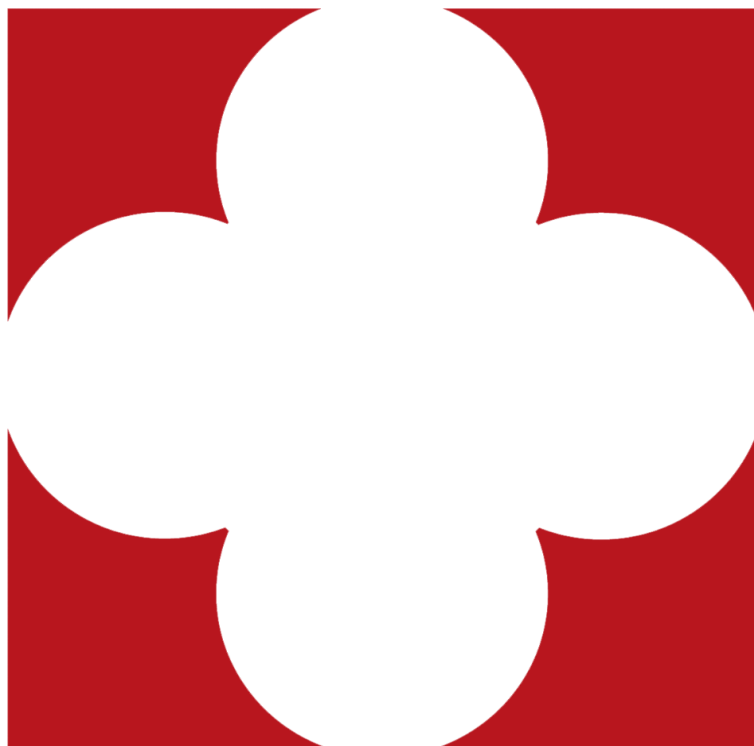


# CHRISTMAS DAY



seattle first baptist

Sunday, December 25, 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

*The First Noel* - arr. John Carter

Christian Broughton

**\*Gathering**

Pastor Anita Peebles

*Please read responsively the **bolded** text.*

ONE: Like eager children waiting for dawn,  
tearing at the wrapping to get to the gift,  
waking sleeping parents with shouts of joy,  
**ALL: let our celebrations begin!**

ONE: May this Christmas morning  
find us able to say "Alleluia"  
even in the midst of pain and anxiety,  
**ALL: because You are our hope.**

ONE: Jesus Christ, come to us,  
fill our hearts with joy in knowing  
this deeper truth that life contains,  
**ALL: that because You come, all will be well.**

ONE: Let us witness not to successful lives,  
not to perfect health, faultless families,  
highly achieving work, or new possessions,  
**ALL: but to the quiet inner knowing of You.**

ONE: And as we gather this joyful morning,  
let our Alleluias rise from willing lips,  
from lives opened to Your gift,  
**ALL: and from hearts filled with Your love.**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
and Amen!

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

**\*Hymn      O Come All Ye Faithful**

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.

Refrain: 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!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
“Glory to God, all glory in the highest.” (refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born in us this morning,  
Jesus to thee be all glory giv’n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (refrain)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Jared White

**\*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.

**We Share Our Stories**

Pastor Anita Peebles

**Call to Giving and Call to Prayer**

Janet Balcom Whitlock

**\*Prayer Hymn      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.

**\*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."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!  
 Late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
 Pleased with flesh in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
 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 all no more may die;  
 Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us second birth.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**We Share Together**

Pastor Anita Peebles

**\*Hymn      *Jesus, Our Brother, Strong and Good*      Ben Luedcke  
    Katrina Turman and Jared White**

Jesus, our brother, strong and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,  
 And the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus our brother, strong, and good.  
 "I" said the donkey all shaggy and brown, "I carried your mother uphill and down,  
 I carried your mother to Bethlehem town; I," said the donkey all shaggy and brown.  
 "I" said the cow all white and red, "I gave you my manger for a bed.  
 I gave you my hay to pillow your head; I," said the cow all white and red.  
 "I" said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave you my wool for a blanket warm,  
 You wore my coat on Christmas morn; I" said the sheep with curly horn.  
 "I" said the dove from the rafters high, "I cooed you to sleep so you would not cry,  
 We cooed you to sleep, my love and I; I" said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus all the beasts by some good spell, in the stable dark were glad to tell,  
 Of the gifts they have Emmanuel, the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

**Poem      *The Work of Christmas* by Howard Thurman      Pastor Anita Peebles**

*Please read responsively the **bolded** words.*

**ONE:** When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:

**ALL:** **To find the lost,**  
 To heal the broken,  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations,  
 To bring peace among others,  
 To make music in the heart.

## **\*Hymn            Go Tell It On the Mountain**

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is Born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [refrain]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [refrain]

## **Benediction**

Pastor Anita Peebles

**Postlude**        *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* - arr. Noel Rawsthorne    Christian Broughton

**Notes:** The gathering words were written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community website. <http://stillpointsa.org.au/prayer/prayers-and-liturgies/>

**Grab some hot cocoa** and a Christmas treat on your way out of the doors today!

1/1/23 worship at 11am in the Sanctuary





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