

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 3, 2023
11AM WORSHIP

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1111 HARVARD AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA
seattlefirstbaptist.org

Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community.

Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer.

Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present.

With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe.

May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.

*And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together,
changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.*

**If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.*

Prelude

“Antiphon III,” Op. 18, No. 3

Christian Broughton

MARCEL DUPRÉ

Gathering and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

***Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

Lyrics adapted by MAREN TIRIBASSI

1. O Come, O come Emmanuel
make true the stories prophets tell –
so all those chained by fear find release,
and, war forgotten, bring a world of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.

3. O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.

2. O Come, Love's-season, to our lonely days,
and guide us in our words and ways
to be the ones whose Advent begins
with healing earth and all that live within.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.

Welcoming New Members

*Please read the **bolded** words when invited.*

We are a community of faith united in exploring what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ, to be a people of God, and to love and care for our neighbors. As a church we will know no circles of exclusion, no boundaries we will not cross, and no loyalties above those which we owe to God.

Time with Children

Pastor Anita Peebles

Advent Candle Lighting: Waiting for Hope

Wreath Lighting Song	“I Can Celebrate You” (<i>Verse 1. See insert.</i>)	
Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer	Cassia Herman and David Greenhow	
*Hymn #111 (v. 1-4)	“O Loving Founder of the Stars”	CONDITOR ALME
Prayer		Pastor Anita Peebles
Anthem	“I Believe” MARK A. MILLER	Sanctuary Choir
<p>I believe in the sun even when it’s not shining. I believe in love even when I don’t feel it. I believe in God even when God is silent.</p>		
Scripture	LUKE 1:1-23	
Sermon	“What’s the Real Story?”	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Communion	Pastor Anita Peebles and Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove	
Outreach Moment	Sara Tollefson and Eleanor McGhee	
*Hymn #126	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”	REGENT SQUARE
Benediction		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Postlude	“Toccata on Veni, Redemptor gentium,” Op. 5, No. 10	Christian Broughton PAUL MANZ

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

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Cover artwork: “Annunciation to Zechariah” by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman.
Inspired by Luke 1:1-23. Acrylic and ink on wood panel. Courtesy of sanctifiedart.org.

The advent candle liturgy is adapted from Rev. Angela Wells and Rev. Anita Peebles.

Dave Roberts’ description of our baptistry banner for Advent: How does a weary world rejoice? In the paper art piece see a sun that is a constant we can depend on, no matter the weather externally or internally. It helps sustain the growth that surrounds the main feature of the piece. Branches hold peace and love and new growth. There’s a symbol of Christ’s invitation to all to come to the table, represented by a goblet and a cross. New life is surrounded by care and nurture, with the seed of new life coming to those who nurture as well. Probably more difficult to see at a distance is a scale of justice and the words “Hope”, “Joy”, “Life” and “Holy”, all of which provide avenues for rejoicing if we choose to see them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 3

Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.

Advent Evening of Prayer: Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Co-sponsored by SFBC and the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Contemplative evening of ecumenical prayer, poetry, art, music, reflection, and silence.

Celebration of Light and Joy: Saturday, December 9 from 5-7pm at SFBC. Join us for Santa, cookies and hot cocoa, a carol sing-along with choir and brass, and snow! Free and open to the public.

Joyful! Noise Final Concert: Joyful! Noise presents their final concert for the holiday season, "...and to all a good night" in our sanctuary. Sunday, December 17 at 3pm and Monday, December 18 at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

For Zoom links, see our online calendar at seattlefirstbaptist.org

Sunday 12/3 **Seattle Jazz Vespers: Jake Bergevin Quintet** 6pm in the Sanctuary

Monday 12/4 **Brave Space** 6pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/5 **Prayer Group** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/5 **Legacies Group** 1:30pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/5 **Grief Support Group** 6:30pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/5 **Advent Evening of Prayer** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday 12/6 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday 12/7 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 12/9 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Saturday 12/9 **Women's Conversations** 11:30am on Zoom

Saturday 12/9 **Celebration of Light and Joy** 5pm in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday 12/10 **Intergenerational Godly Play** 9:30am in the Parlor

Sunday 12/10 **Friendship Circle** 12:45 in the Peacemaker Room and on Zoom

Sunday 12/10 **Exploring Contemplation** 6:30pm on Zoom

Email contact@seattlefirstbaptist.org to reach any of the following people.

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