

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 10, 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	“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,” BWV 645 J.S. BACH	Christian Broughton
Gathering and Passing of the Peace		Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn #101	“Comfort, Comfort O My People”	PSALM 42
Time with Children		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Advent Candle Lighting: Making Way for Peace		Sue and Brian Ross
Wreath Lighting Song	“I Can Celebrate You” (<i>Verse 2. See insert.</i>)	
Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer		Sandra Jones
*Hymn #122	“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”	STUTTGART
Prayer		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Anthem	“Deep Peace” ELAINE HAGENBERG	Sanctuary Choir
Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of God, the light of the world to you.		
Scripture	LUKE 1:24-45	
Sermon	“Blessed is She”	Pastor Anita Peebles
Communion	Pastor Anita Peebles and Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove	

*All are welcome to partake of communion, regardless of baptism, membership, or denominational affiliation.
We serve gluten-free bread and grape juice. Today, we observe communion via intinction.
The pastors will invite you to come forward to the center aisle to receive communion.
If you need the elements to be brought to you, please raise your hand.*

***Hymn #129**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

Benediction

Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude

“In dulci jubilo,” BWV 729

Christian Broughton

J.S. BACH

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

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Cover artwork: “Two Mothers” by Nicolette Peñaranda.

Inspired by Luke 1:24-45. Acrylic, ink, and mixed media collage on canvas. 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 10

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

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.

Longest Night Service: Friday, December 22 at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Service of prayer, reflection, and remembrance.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Sunday, December 24 at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Small Groups Ministry Schedule Notes: The last meeting of Building Lasting Bridges is December 14. The Friendship Circle and Interfaith Climate Action groups will not be meeting in December. The Women's Conversations group has ended.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

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

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

Tuesday 12/12 **Finance Committee Meeting** 4:30pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/12 **Council Meetings** 7pm on Zoom

Wednesday 12/13 **Optimism Hour** 5:30pm at Stoup Brewing

Wednesday 12/13 **Youth Group** 6:30pm in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday 12/13 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday 12/14 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Thursday 12/14 **Building Lasting Bridges** 6pm on Zoom

Saturday 12/16 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Saturday 12/16 **Seattle Pro Musica: A Celtic Winter** 3pm in the Sanctuary (*ticketed event*)

Sunday 12/17 **Intergenerational Godly Play** 9:30am in the Parlor

Sunday 12/17 **Gay Men's Group** 12:30pm in the Parlor

Sunday 12/17 **Joyful! Noise: "...and to all a good night"** 3:00pm in the Sanctuary (*free concert*)

Monday 12/18 **Joyful! Noise: "...and to all a good night"** 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (*free concert*)

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