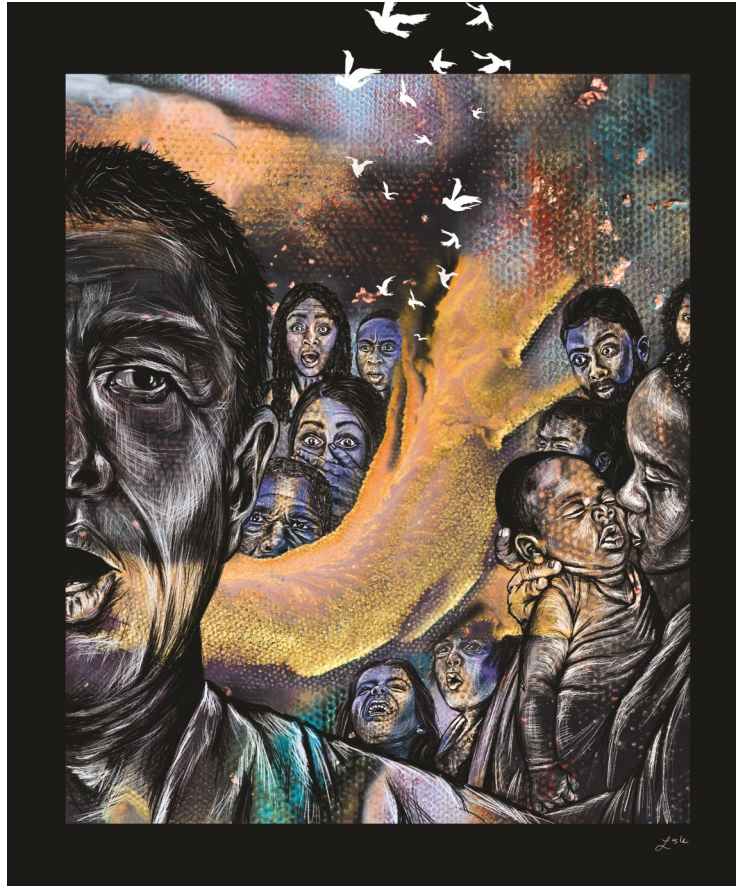


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 17, 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	“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her” I. Allegretto cantabile II. Scherzando III. Pastorale ERNST PEPPING	Christian Broughton
Gathering and Passing of the Peace		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
*Hymn #107	“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”	REJOICE, REJOICE
Time with Children		Pastor Anita Peebles
Advent Candle Lighting: Yearning for Joy		Megan, Aaron, Comet, and Norah
Wreath Lighting Song	“I Can Celebrate You” (<i>Verse 2. See insert.</i>)	
Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer		Brooke Rolston
*Hymn #127	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”	ES IST EIN' ROS
Prayer		Pastor Anita Peebles
Anthem	“Song of Mary” FAYE LÓPEZ	Sanctuary Choir Quinn Price, violin

My soul exalts the Lord, my God,
and my spirit rejoices in praise to God my Savior.
For God has chosen me to bring this joy to the world.
Age to age generations will call me bless'd,
For the favor of the Mighty One has shown to God's servant,
For God has honored me to bring this joy to the world.
In God's goodness, with kind compassion,
God sends the Promised One the vow to pay.
In remembrance of God's great mercy,
The Holy One has done great things for me.
O magnify God's holy name.

Scripture

LUKE 1:57-66

Sermon

“The Act of Naming”

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

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 #133**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

Recognition of Cherry Johnson

Pastor Anita Peebles and Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Benediction

Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Christian Broughton

ALFRED V. FEDAK

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

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Cover artwork: “What Wonder Turns Into” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity.

Inspired by Luke 1:57-66. Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing. 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 17

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. A service to make space for grief, weariness, longing, and disappointment in this holiday season. Parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Spring and Boylston.

Christmas Breakfast Buffet: Sunday, December 24 from 9:30-10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Holiday Church Office Hours: Closed December 25, 26, and January 1. Open December 27-29 9am to Noon.

Installation for Rev. Leigh Curl-Dove and SFBC Co-Pastors: Sunday, January 7 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Presided by Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal, Executive Minister of Evergreen, with guest preachers Rev. Heather Mustain and Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall.

SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

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*)

Tuesday 12/19 **Prayer Group** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/19 **Grief Support Group** 6pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/19 **Parents of Adult Children Living with Mental Illness** 7pm on Zoom

Tuesday 12/19 **Seattle Girls Choir: Carmina Angelorum** 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (*ticketed event*)

Wednesday 12/20 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Friday 12/22 **Longest Night Service** 6:30pm in the Chapel

Saturday 12/23 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Sunday 12/24 **Intergenerational Godly Play** 9:30am in the Parlor

Sunday 12/24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 6pm in the Sanctuary

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

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Rev. Anita Peebles, *Pastor*

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