

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 24, 2023
11AM WORSHIP

SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1111 HARVARD AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA
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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.

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

Prelude	“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” ANDREAS NIKOLAUS VETTER	Christian Broughton
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Gathering and Passing of the Peace	Pastor Anita Peebles
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*Hymn #112	“Keep Awake, Be Always Ready”	WACHET AUF
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Time with Children	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
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Advent Candle Lighting: Manifesting Love	Bob Sittig and Susan Dohrmann
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Wreath Lighting Song	“I Can Celebrate You” (<i>Verse 3. See insert.</i>)
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Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer	Janet Balcom Whitlock
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*Hymn #121 (v. 1-4 in English)	“All Earth Is Waiting”	TAULE
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Prayer	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
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Anthem	“In the Bleak Midwinter” GUSTAV HOLST/ <i>arr.</i> CRAIG COURTNEY	Sanctuary Choir
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In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow; In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav’n cannot hold him; nor earth sustain; Heav’n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed; The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What shall I give him? Poor as I am, If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb. If I were a wise one, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

Scripture	LUKE 1:46-55	translation by Rev. Dr. Wil C. Gafney
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“My soul magnifies the Holy One, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, For God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God’s own womb-slave. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; For the Mighty One has done great things for me, And holy is God’s name. God’s loving-kindness is for those who fear God from generation to generation. God has shown the strength of God’s own arm; God has scattered the arrogant in the intent of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, And lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, And sent the rich away empty. God has helped God’s own child, Israel, A memorial to God’s mercy, Just as God said to our mothers and fathers, To [Hagar and] Sarah and Abraham, to their descendants forever.”

Reader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
and for the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Our Magnificat”

Pastor Anita Peebles

Communion

Pastor Anita Peebles and Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

All are welcome to partake of the Lord's supper, regardless of baptismal status or denominational affiliation.

We serve gluten free bread and grape juice for communion. Please wait until all are served before partaking of the bread. We will do the same with the juice. Empty juice cups can be left in the holders in the pew backs for the ushers to collect following the service.

***Hymn**

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born to our world, 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 to our world, 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 to our world, Emmanuel.

Benediction

Pastor Anita Peebles

Postlude

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Christian Broughton

arr. RICHARD ELLIOTT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24

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

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

Monday 12/25 **Holiday Virtual Open House** 11am-Noon on Zoom

Sunday 12/31 **A Service of Lessons and Carols** 11am in the Sanctuary

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

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