

For the Worship of Almighty God
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Jerry Perdue

Prelude

Pastoral Symphony (Messiah)
Baxter Jennings, organ; David Lewis, violin

Handel

*Call to Worship

Jerry Perdue

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

People: **We long for a light to guide us.**

Leader: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy.

People: **We long for God's joy in our lives.**

Leader: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

People: **We long to be relieved of all that we carry.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: **He is named Emmanuel: God with us.**
In this tiny baby, this vulnerable child,
we find our light, our joy, our comfort.
Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

*Please stand as you are able

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

*Carol 152

Angels We Have Heard on High
(see insert)

GLORIA

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (pg.593)

William Underwood

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20 (pg.889)

The Gospel of our Lord: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Instrumental

Cradle Song/Away in a Manger
David Lewis, violin; Ross Gale, recorder

Haas

Sermon

A Great Light

Rev. Libby Grammer

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Grammer

*We light the Christ candle, for in Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him,
answering his call and following in his footsteps. Come to us, Lord Jesus; be born in us this night—
in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of Christ's life be kindled in us.*

Sharing the Light

Instrumental

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Ross Gale, dulcimer

Lezy, arr. Gale

*Carol 164

Silent Night! Holy Night!
(see insert)

STILLE NACHT

*Benediction

Rev. Grammer

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

arr. Robinson

Please extinguish your candles at the end of the benediction

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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Consistent with the Great Commission,
we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors
with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.*