



RiverOaks
Baptist Church
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

Instrumental Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Carol of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created.

Chorus

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

James, Ariel & Ava Wang

Words of Peace

Isaiah 40:1-5

Morning Prayer

Message in Song

Comfort Ye

Allen Stowe, soloist
music by G.F. Handel

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8

There Is a Great Joy Coming

Sanctuary Choir

words by Ragan Courtney

music by Beryl Red

arranged by Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Good Cheer, Sing Joy

Sanctuary Choir

traditional lyrics adapted by Charlotte Lee

arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Carol of Joy

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Chorus

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-16

Silent Night

Sanctuary Choir

words by Joseph Mohr

music by Franz Gruber

arranged by Dan Forrest

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:17-20

Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

Sanctuary Choir

African-American Spiritual

arranged by Lloyd Larson

Sermon

Dr. Steve Laufer, Interim Pastor

The Hosts of Heaven

Luke 2:8-14

Let the Stable Still Astonish

Cheri Pemble, soloist

words by Leslie Leyland Fields

music by Dan Forrest

Words of Celebration

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

Parting Song

Joy to the World!

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Parting Words

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor