



RiverOaks
Baptist Church
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

Prelude to Worship

Kathleen Wilkins, organist

Invitation to Worship

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Carols of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Chorus:

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, the highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come,
Off-spring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel

Chorus

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes.
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky.
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Welcome to Worshippers

Dr. Steve Laufer, Interim Pastor

Song of Anticipation

Once in Royal David's City

Brittane Lewis Venson, soloist

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Parrish, Heather & CarMichael Kyle

Words of Joy

Isaiah 40:9-11

Morning Prayer

Choral Worship

There Is a Great Joy Coming

*words by Ragan Courtney, music by Buryl Red
arrangement by Mark Hayes*

Carols of Wonder

The First Nowell

The first Nowell, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

For all to see there was 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.

Chorus

And by the light of that same star
The wise men came from country far;

To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Chorus

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Chorus:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
Journey forth to Bethlehem, find the lambkin blest."

Chorus

In the stall they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild
seated 'round the manger, watching the holy Child.

Chorus

Message in Song

Christmas Praise

words & music by Jim Murray

Allen Stowe, soloist

Sermon

Dr. Laufer

The Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

Parting Song

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Chorus:

Christ the Babe is Lord of all!
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:

Chorus

Parting Words

Christian Johns, Youth Minister