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# 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

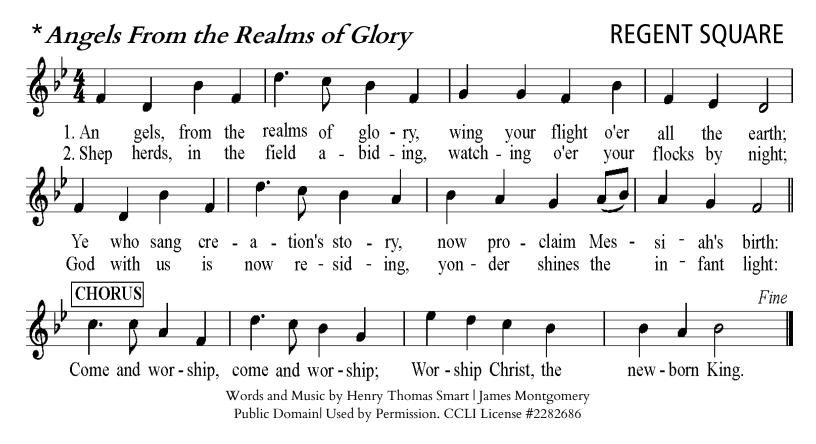
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Larry Landusky

Josh McDonald

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Lord be with you. And also with you.



# \*INVOCATION

Josh McDonald

We gather as a community of compassion and hope. Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly. By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus. By our example others may be led to lives of peace. Lord, open our hears and minds this day to your word. Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen.

\*Please stand if it is comfortable to do so

# SCRIPTURE READING

# Tim & Tara Witherow, Kelly Martin

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

# LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

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In this season, we remember Christ's first Advent and anticipate his second.

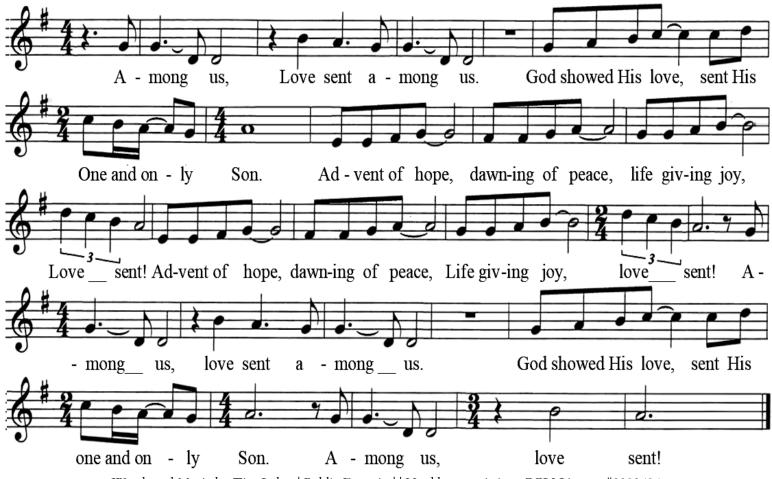
We wait and we long for you, O God.

Today we light this candle believing the King of peace will come, the gift of God's own Son.

We wait and we long for you, O God.

Even so, the night is dark and our waiting seems endless. This is how God showed his love... Among Us

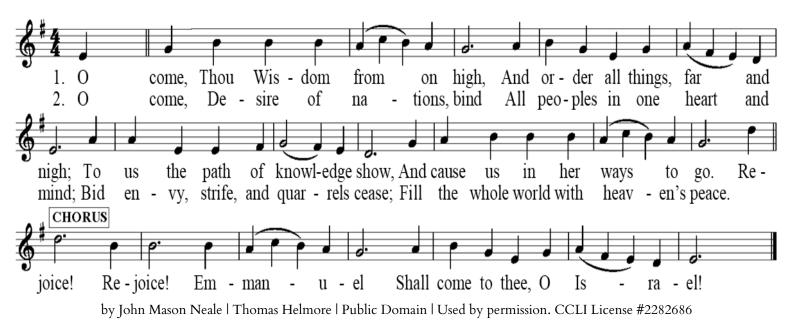
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**VENI EMMANUEL** 



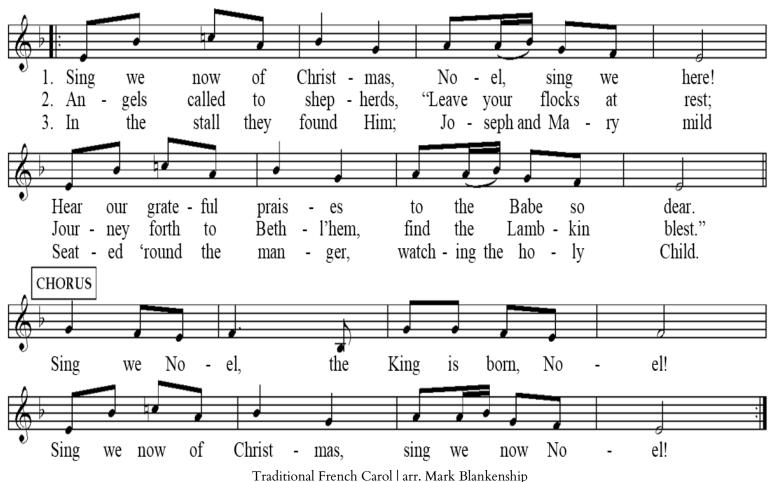
#### by Louis F. Benson

#### Sing We Now of Christmas



Lindy and Tim Lyles

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4–5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing.



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**FRENCH CAROL** 

# Kerry Campbell, Callie Kostelich Isaiah 40:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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# **BOGORODITSE DEVO**

composed by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Rejoice, virgin mother of God, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. Kerry Campbell, Callie Kostelich 2 Peter 3:8–15a

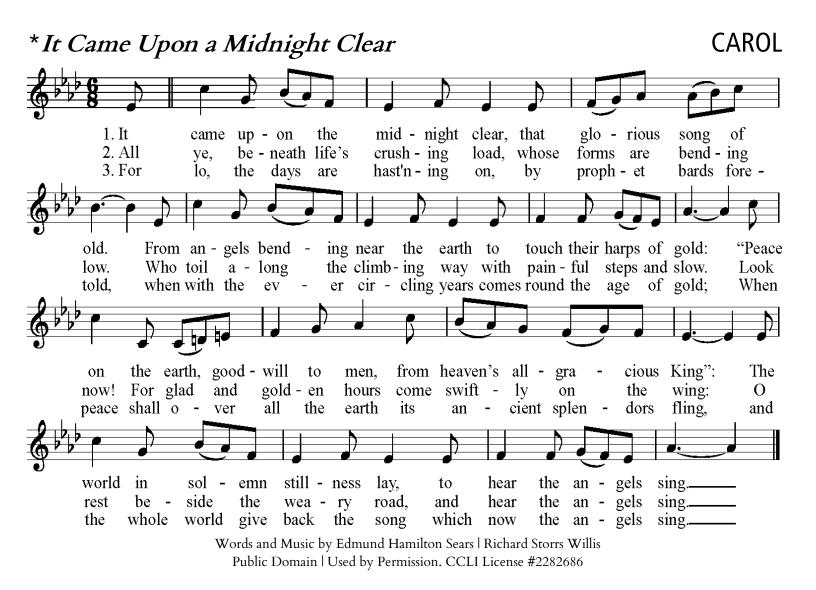
<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and destroyed and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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**PROCLAMATION** *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* George Mason

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a minister.



#### THE MORNING OFFERING

Please drop your connection card and offering in the plate as it is passed. If you would like to donate online, please go to secondb.org/give or @secondbaptistlbk on Venmo.

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Bob Howell, Alan Lackey

# OFFERTORY

Larry Landusky

Sing We Now of Christmas Traditional French Carol arranged by Mark Hayes

# \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

\* Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Hope, peace, joy and love! These are gifts You bring from above. Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be Light of Your peace reflected in me.

# **\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

# TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER

We welcome to our pulpit this morning The **Rev. Dr. George A. Mason.** Rev. Dr. Mason is the Founder and President of Faith Commons and Senior Pastor Emeritus of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. He is a nationally recognized religious leader whose legacy includes innovations in clergy apprenticeship, interfaith initiatives and community service. For many years, George has served as an op-ed contributor to The Dallas Morning News and has written for publications nationwide. He is a co-founder of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and teaches at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and he will be our featured Adult Retreat speaker this January in Santa Fe! (You've registered, right?)

George was born in New York City and has lived in Texas for many years. He and his wife Kim enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren and his newest book THE WORD MADE FRESH is a collection of talks on everything from the stewardship of our planet, the importance of interfaith relationships, the need to include the most vulnerable in our community life, and the importance of peacemaking. We welcome this esteemed preacher, theologian and author to Second Baptist Church!

BAUGH

George Mason

# This Week at 2B

SUNDAY,	, Dec. 10			
6:00p:	Sounds of the Season concert			
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TUESDAY, Dec. 12				
6:30a:	Prayer Breakfast	ļ		
10:00a:	B & B			
Noon:	Children's Ministry Apprecia-			
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1:30p:	Chronic Pain Support Group			
6:00p:	Learn to Play Mahjong	(		
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#### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

10:00a:	Beginners Bridge
10 <b>:</b> 30a:	Low Vision Support Group
2:00p:	Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00p:	Christmas Dinner
6:00p:	Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30p:	Staff Singer Rehearsal

7:00p: 2b Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, Dec. 16 9:30a: 2B Adventurous



# ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.



In Memory of or Celebration of Someone Special

Deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup> Order online @ secondb.org/poinsettias





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#### We hold in prayer

Kathy White, Laura Alwan, Jerry Bailey, Tom Boren, Melissa Marable, Natalie Marable, Meredith McAlister, Winne Moore, Michael Personette, Jane Pugh, Lawrence Ramsey, Dr. Bryan Smitherman, Gale Stocks, Jana Thomas, Debbie Walker, Coby Wilson, Airman Cory Wimberly, The Holy Land

#### We Celebrate With

ANNIVERSARIES

Alan and Carolyn Lackey Scott and Sarah Herrington

#### BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Harding, Pat Fletcher, Sarah Cameron, James Riney, Cathy Sharp, Linda Miller, Nick Reid, Ashley Thomas, Jase White, Beth Pennington, Sonny Rowan III, Marley Luna, Candace Goodman, Holly Short

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