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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh McDonald

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

* *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE



1. An gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night;



Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:

CHORUS



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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* 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 hearts 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

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ 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

LITANY OF PEACE

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

AMONG US

A - mong us, Love sent a - mong us. God showed His love, sent His
One and on - ly Son. Ad - vent of hope, dawn-ing of peace, life giv-ing joy,
Love ³ sent! Ad-vent of hope, dawn-ing of peace, Life giv-ing joy, love ³ sent! A -
- mong us, love sent a - mong us. God showed His love, sent His
one and on - ly Son. A - mong us, love sent!

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things, far and
2. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one heart and
nigh; To us the path of knowl-edge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Re -
mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.
CHORUS
joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Josh Tolosa

by Louis F. Benson

Sing We Now of Christmas

FRENCH CAROL



1. Sing we now of Christ - mas, No - el, sing we here!
2. An - gels called to shep - herds, "Leave your flocks at rest;
3. In the stall they found Him; Jo - seph and Ma - ry mild



Hear our grate - ful prais - es to the Babe so dear.
Jour - ney forth to Beth - l'hem, find the Lamb - kin blest."
Seat - ed 'round the man - ger, watch - ing the ho - ly Child.

CHORUS



Sing we No - el, the King is born, No - el!



Sing we now of Christ - mas, sing we now No - el!

Traditional French Carol | arr. Mark Blankenship

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CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Kerry Campbell, Callie Kostelich
Isaiah 40:1-5

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² 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. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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

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.

*EPISTLE READING

Kerry Campbell, Callie Kostelich

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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, ¹² 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? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, ¹⁵ 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.

* *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

CAROL



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of
2. All ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing
3. For lo, the days are hast'n - ing on, by proph - et bards fore -



old. From an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace
low. Who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow. Look
told, when with the ev - er cir - cling years comes round the age of gold; When



on the earth, good - will to men, from heaven's all - gra - cious King": The
now! For glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing: O
peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing. _____
rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing. _____
the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing. _____

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THE MORNING OFFERING

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*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*

BAUGH

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

George Mason

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!

This Week at 2B

SUNDAY, Dec. 10

6:00p: Sounds of the Season concert

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

6:30a: Prayer Breakfast

10:00a: B & B

Noon: Children's Ministry Appreciation

1:30p: Chronic Pain Support Group

6:00p: Learn to Play Mahjong

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

10:00a: Beginners Bridge

10:30a: 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



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



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2b Kids

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Christmas DINNER

DECEMBER 13 **5:00PM**

\$20.00

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DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST, FUN INTERACTIVE CRAFT STATIONS, SERVICE PROJECT, PHOTO WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Enjoy Breakfast while Get Photos with Santa

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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

Church Staff

Rev. Charles F. Johnson
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tim Lyles
Pastor of Music, Worship and Administration

Rev. Josh McDonald
Youth Pastor

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