

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh McDonald

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL



1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say, Was to
2. For all to see there was a star Shin - ing
3. And by the light of that same star The



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
in the east, be - yond them far, And to the earth it
wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was



keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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**Please stand if it is comfortable to do so*

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**He is Born*

IL EST NÉ

He is born, the ho - ly Child; Play the o - boe and bag - pipes mer - ri - ly!

He is born, the ho - ly Child; Sing we all of the Sav - ior mild.

Thro' long a - ges of the past, Proph - ets have fore - told His com - ing;
Je - sus, Lord of all the world, Com - ing as a Child a - mong us;

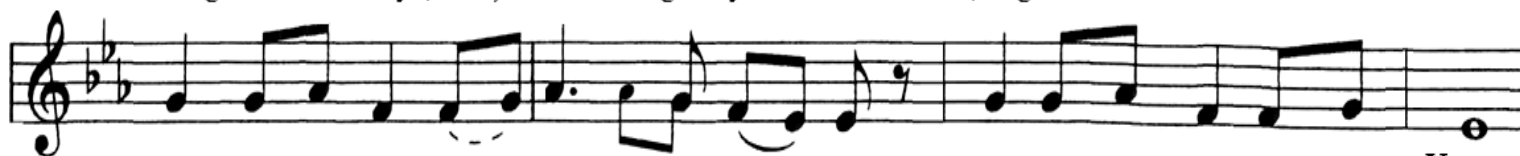
Thro' long a - ges of the past, Now the time has come at last!
Je - sus, Lord of all the world, Grant to us Thy heav'n - ly peace.

Here I Am To Worship

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP



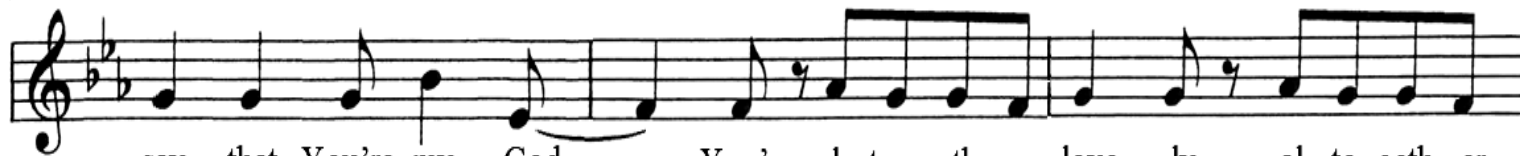
1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me see.
2. King of all days, oh, so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a - bove.



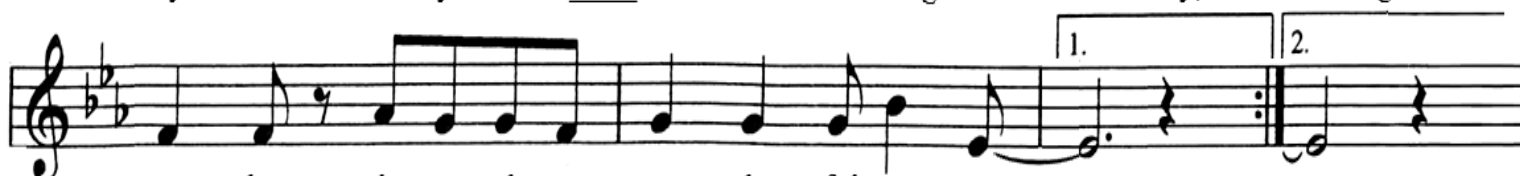
Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with You.
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.



Here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to



say that You're my God. You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

CHILD AND PARENT DEDICATION OF BANKS DUNN

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Chase and Sarah, your primary responsibility is to reflect God's love to Banks through your words and actions. As you come to dedicate your son to God, what promise do you make?

Dunns: We promise to reflect God's unconditional love for Banks, nurturing him in the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: What do we the people of Second Baptist Church, believe about all children.

Congregation: We believe that each child is a creation of God and made in God's image.

We take delight in each child as God's gift to us.

Pastor: What commitments do we make to the Dunn family.

Congregation: We promise to surround them with love, to be their family in Christ, and to help them disciple and nurture Banks.

Pastor: What is our hope for Banks?

Congregation: We look forward to the day when he will declare his faith in Jesus Christ, gather with us at the Lord's Table, and serve Christ through the Church. May he come to know that as a child of God he belongs to Christ and to us in the family of faith.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be
Thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our debts as
we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-
liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the
Pow-er and the Glo-ry, for-ev-er. A - men.

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³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

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PROCLAMATION

Expectant Faith

Stephanie Nash

TIME OF REFLECTION

Find Us Faithful

Second Voices

composed by Jon Mohr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Josh McDonald

Eternal God, you do not change.

**You have revealed yourself to us in your Word
and given us the Holy Spirit.**

You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

**Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.**

Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
before your great majesty and holiness

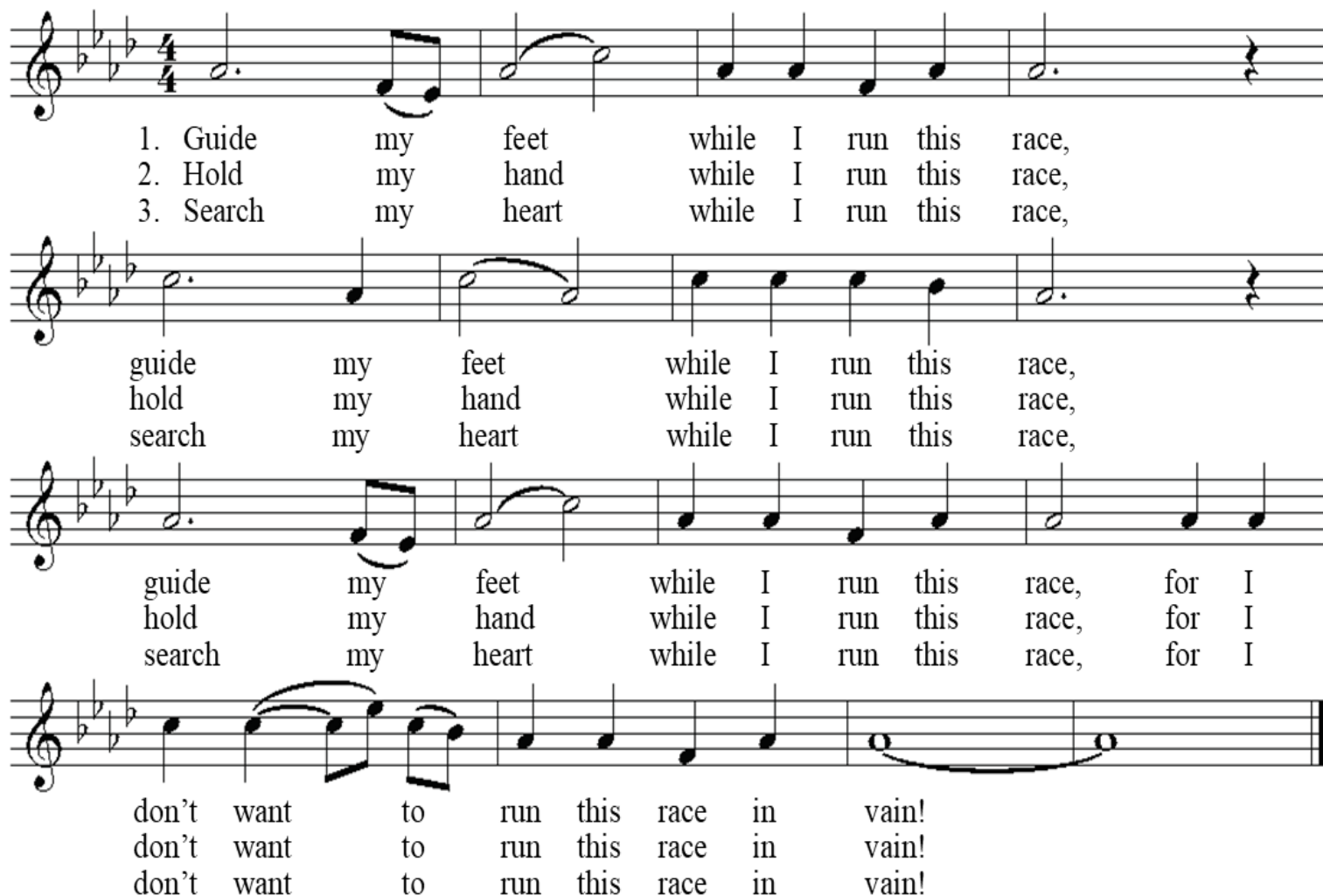
**and so live for you now and ever, in Christ our Lord,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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.

* *Guide My Feet, Lord*

GUIDE MY FEET



1. Guide my feet while I run this race,
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Search my heart while I run this race,

guide my feet while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
search my heart while I run this race,

guide my feet while I run this race, for I
hold my hand while I run this race, for I
search my heart while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain!
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THE MORNING OFFERING

Please drop your connection card and offering in the plate as it is passed.

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Becky Corley

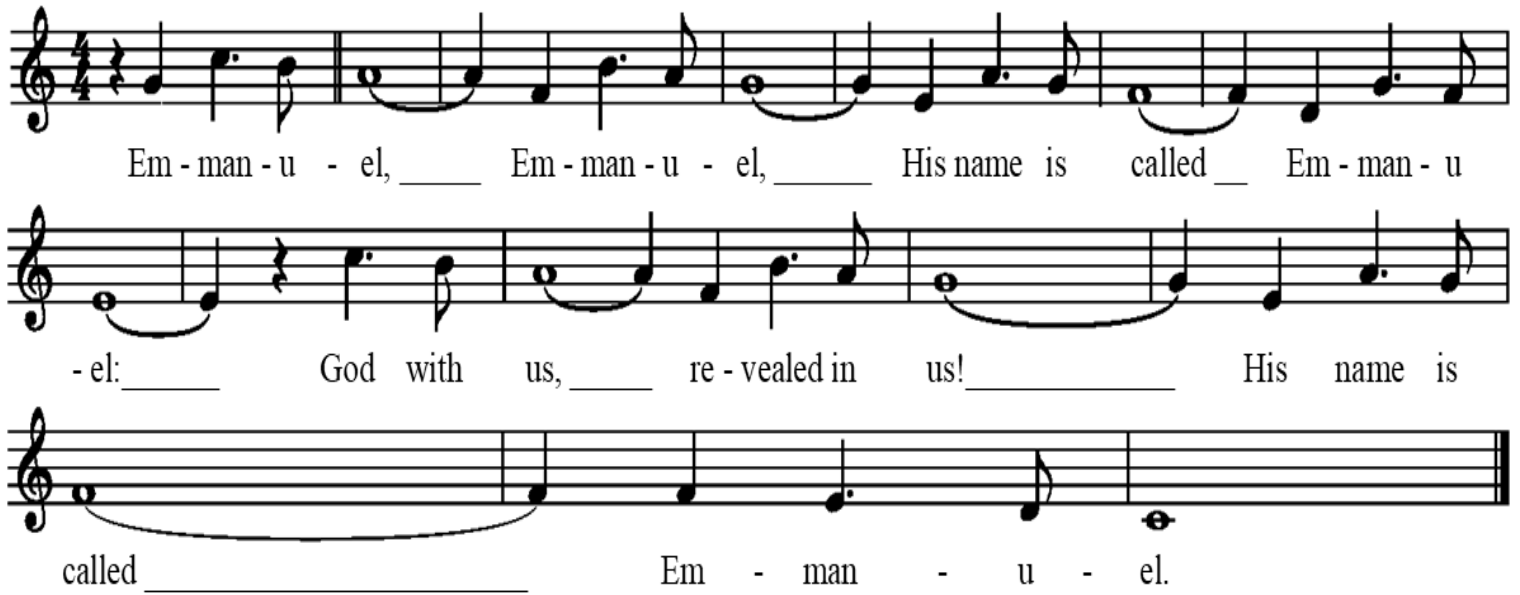
OFFERTORY

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

* *Emmanuel*

MCGEE



Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is called Em - man - u
- el: God with us, re - vealed in us! His name is
called Em - man - u - el.

"Emmanuel" Words and Music by Bob McGee

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* PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Stephanie Nash

WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

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

This Week at 2B

TODAY

9:30a: All Church Sunday Brunch

No Children's Programming

10:45a: Worship In-Person & Livestream

MONDAY, Jan. 1 - WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

Church Closed for Christmas

THURSDAY, Jan. 4

St. Benedict's Chapel Day

**Wednesday Meal, Classes and Activities begin again
January 10th @ 5:15pm!**

We hold in prayer

Bill Etheredge passed away, granddaughters are Kasey Hampton & Shannon Buck, Bill Addison, Laura Alwan, Jerry Bailey, Pam Blassingame, Dave Roberson, Tom Boren, Teresa Fisher, Jack Gordon, Gary Gray, Jo King, Joy Lawson family, Meredith McAlister, Winne Moore, Lawrence Ramsey, Dr. Bryan Smitherman, Gale Stocks, Jana Thomas, Kathy White, Coby Wilson, Airman Cory Wimberly.

We Celebrate With

ANNIVERSARIES

- 31) Mark & Claudia Griffin
- 3) Stanley & Cheryl

BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Cheryl Presley, Delaney Zalman,
- 2) Maisy Dunn, 3) Tana Patterson,
- 6) Curtis Mees, Mary Norman

Every Member a Minister

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Interim Senior Pastor

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