Hope + Peace + Joy + Love



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Bray

Break forth, O beautiful, heavenly light to herald our salvation.

He stoops to earth-the God of might our hope and expectation.

The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

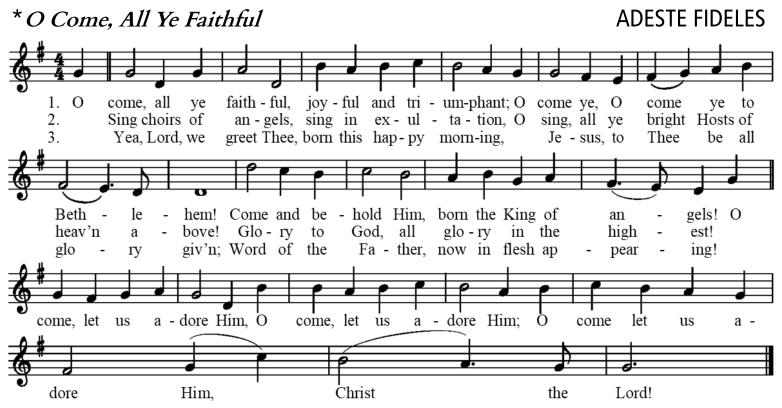
This child weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.

Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

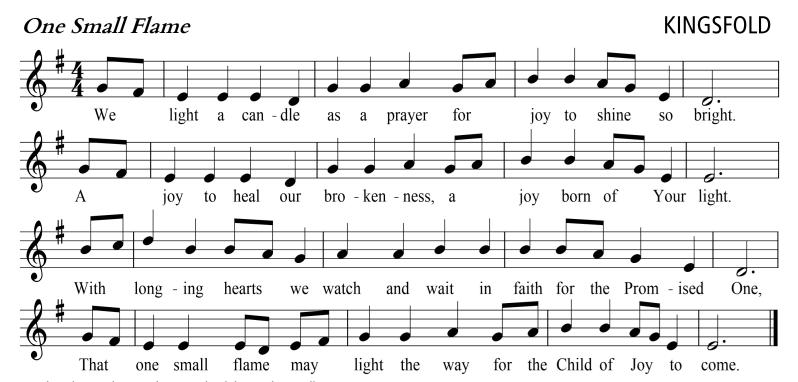
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



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Joy to the World



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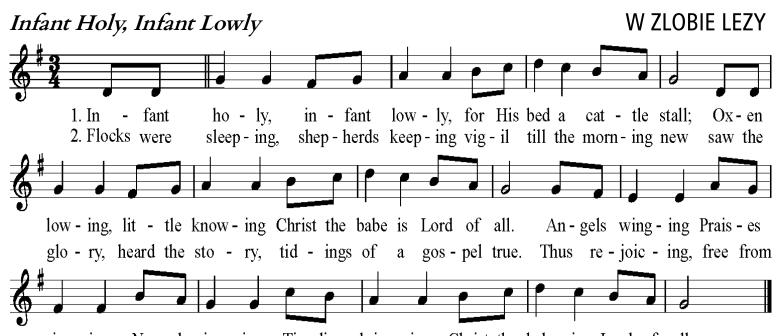
SCRIPTURE READING

LouAnn LaFever, Ward Family *Matthew 5:13–16*

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!



sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, Ti - dings bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

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Traditional French Carol | arr. Mark Blankenship

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CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45 AM)

Penni Pennington

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Second Voices

Silent Night composed by Mohr, Young, and Gruber

*GOSPEL READING

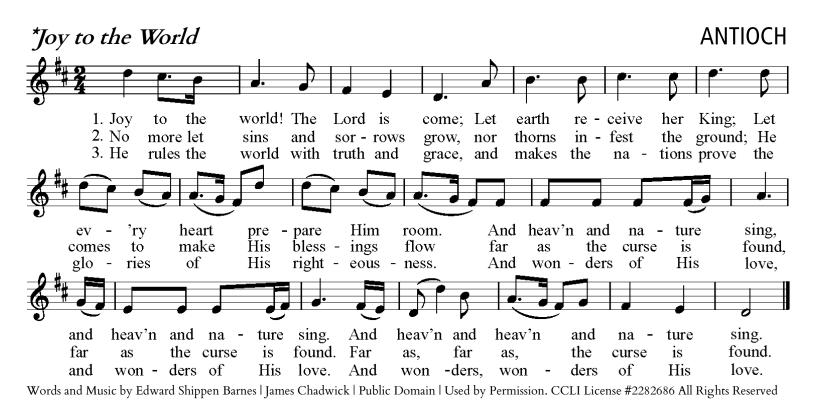
Lindy Lyles, Jim Burkhalter

Luke 3:7-18

⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?" 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." 15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!



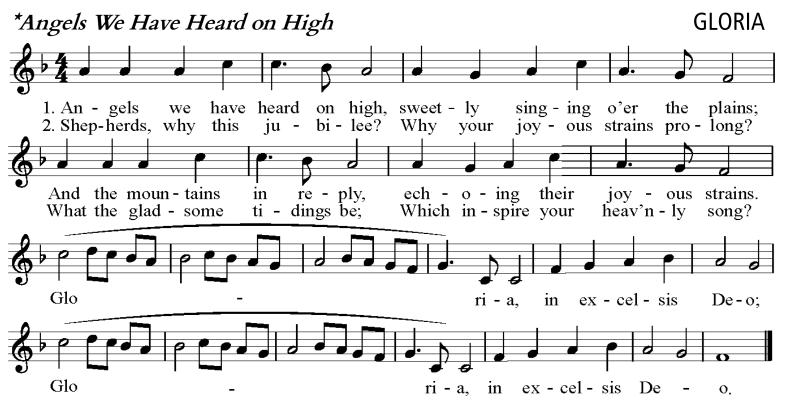
PROCLAMATION

What Should We Do With Christmas

Charles Johnson

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 pastor.



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

Josh McDonald, Marge Kemp

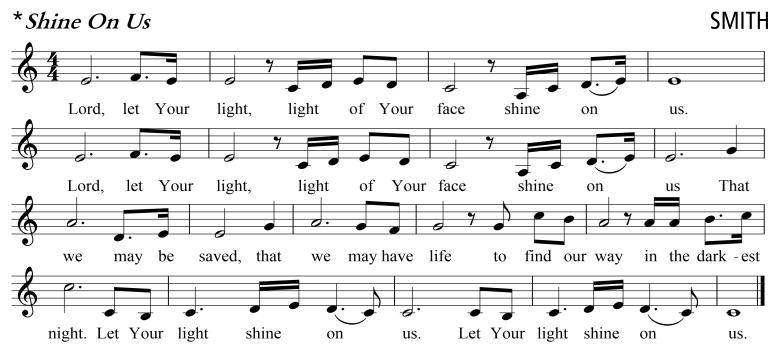
OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

Mark Cruz

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.



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*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

YEAR END GIVING

It's always inspiring when Second B members are still asking about giving opportunities as the end of the year approaches. You can make an end-of-year contribution at any time through December 31. Contributions made before December 31 will be tax deductible for 2024.

2024 NEEDS: \$1,110,349.00

GIVEN TO DATE: \$1,004,410.00

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.

Every Member a Minister

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