



**Brookwood**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2023



# BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

*We will be formed in Christ to love like family and live on mission.*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Brookwood Strings & Friends

Welcome to Worship

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Christmas Medley

### ***Light of the Stable***

Words and Music by Steve & Elizabeth Ryhmer

### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

Advent Scripture Reading

### **Psalm 126**

NIV

Carol and Jim Giffin

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. <sup>2</sup>Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."<sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. <sup>5</sup>Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. <sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

### *Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Advent Wreath Prayer

### **Joy**

Dear God,  
In the height of our Advent walk,  
grant us the courage to experience joy.  
Joy in the face of apathy,  
Joy in the face of sorrow,  
Joy in the face of uncertainty.  
Amen.

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

**Medley** from **"Behold the Lamb of God"**

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson

**Matthew's Begats**

Solo: Andy Johnson

**It Came to Pass**

Solo: Wade Sexton

**Labor of Love**

Solo: Jennifer Fairchild

Sermon

**"Love is the Measure: Advent Joy"**

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Invitation

Song of Response

**What Child is This?**

Traditional English Carol

Benediction

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Postlude

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# Upcoming Events

## Christmas Eve Worship Services

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

No Sunday School

Worship Service 10:30am

## Evening Candlelight Services

3pm & 5pm

## Church offices are closed.

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

## New Year's Eve Worship Service

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

No Sunday School

Worship Service 10:30am

## Church offices are closed.

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

## Churchwide MLK Serve Day at True Vine

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon

Lunch provided

## Discover Brookwood

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> during Sunday School (More info to come)

In the Chapel

## Supper Clubs

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

(More info to come)

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