



Brookwood
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2023

BROOKWOOD WORSHIP

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

4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude

He is Born

Handbell Choir

French Carol arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome to Worship

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Christmas Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Latin Hymn

Prayer

Prayer for Christmas

Congregation

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

~ attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

Music by Michael W. Smith

Arr. Joel Raney

All is well, all is well, angels and men rejoice.
For tonight, darkness fell into the dawn of love's light.
Sing alle, sing alleluia.

All is well, all is well, let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger.
Sing alle, sing alleluia.

All is well, all is well, lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, all is well.

NIV

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Prayer

Love

Dear God,
As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion,
grant us the courage to share your love.
Love for the unexpected challenge,
Love for the vulnerable one.
Love for the presence of God.
Amen.

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

Sanctuary Choir

Words and Music by G.W. Brindley and Elaine Hagenberg

I Have Seen the Light

Men's Trio

Words and Music by Chris Machen and Robert Sterling
Men's Trio: Rusty Foster, Emil Turner, Keith McLeod

Sermon

"Advent Love"

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Invitation

Christmas Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

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Words and Music by Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Samantha Carter

Music by Felix Mendelssohn

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Evening Candlelight Service

This Evening, December 24th

3pm & 5pm

Church offices are closed.

Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th

New Year's Eve Worship Service

Sunday, December 31st

No Sunday School

Worship Service 10:30am

Church offices are closed.

Monday, January 1st

Churchwide MLK Serve Day at True Vine

Monday, January 15th 10am-Noon

Lunch provided

Discover Brookwood

Sunday, January 21st during Sunday School (More info to come)

In the Chapel

Supper Clubs

Saturday, January 27th & Monday, February 26th

(More info to come)

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