



DECEMBER 24, 2022

# The Memorial Baptist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE



*From Generation  
to Generation*

# CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

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THE GREETING

Dr. Brad Smith

PRELUDE

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Mrs. Fran Wilson

*The First Noel*  
arr. Kenneth D. Varner

Mr. Sandro Silva

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

† PROCESSIONAL CAROL 103

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Acolyte: Chip Bates    Crucifer: Aubrey Mayberry

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of Angels! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

Dr. Andy Roby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 60:1-2*

Dr. Roby

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Smith Family  
Brad, Jamie, Alex, and Brooklyn

† HYMN 127

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 98, Psalm 34*

Dr. Tyler Roach

*Oh sing to God a new song. Rejoice in God's marvelous works!  
Our salvation has been accomplished by God's might and power.*

**The Lord has revealed salvation to us and righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*God's steadfast love and everlasting faithfulness are extended to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving work of God.*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!*  
**Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.**

**Indeed, God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

*I will bless the Lord at all times; the praises of God shall continually be in my mouth.  
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!*

† CAROL OF REJOICING 125

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:1-5* Dr. Roach

MEDITATION *O Holy Night* Trio  
by Adolphe Adam

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING PRAYER Dr. Roby

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Songs of Hope and Joy* Chancel Choir  
by Joseph M. Martin

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free,  
from our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Lord of the nations, King of all creation, "God with us," Emmanuel.  
Lord, You are holy. Lord, You are worthy. Come to our world with us to dwell.  
Lord, of the nations, Lord, Jesus come. Lord of creation, Lord, Jesus come,  
come, now and set your people free. Lord, Jesus come!

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone.

By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VENI EMMANUEL  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE NATIVITY *Luke 2:1-20* Dr. Smith

CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTION *We Tell the Story* Dr. Smith

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE Dr. Smith

† CANDLELIGHT CAROL 134 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar; heaven'ly hosts sing Alleluia.  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

† CHIMING OF TRINITY

*As the Trinity is chimed, the Pastor will carry the Christ candle out of the Sanctuary,  
signifying that the church is called to bear the light of Christ into the world.*



Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
 let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
 let heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.  
 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ;  
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
 far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
 the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,  
 and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

† Please stand as you are able.

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**Welcome to Christmas Eve worship at The Memorial Baptist Church.** We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us on this very special night. If you live in our area, but do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us again. We pray that your celebration of the birth of Christ will be filled with joy, and your New Year be filled with blessing and many opportunities to serve God.

**Christmas Eve Offering**—Tonight's loose plate offering will be used to assist our church missions and outreach efforts through the Missions Development Fund. Those wishing to make a contribution to the 2022 Ministry Action Plan are welcome to use one of the envelopes available in the pews.

**Coming Up: December 25 & January 1**

**Morning Worship at 10:55**

***No Sunday School***

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

**All 2022 Contributions must be received in office no later than Thursday, Dec. 29, or by mail with a Dec. 31 postmark to be included in your total giving for 2022.**

**Online gifts must be posted by the end of the day on Dec. 31.**



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