



# The Memorial Baptist Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMASTIDE



From Generation to Generation

## The Church In Worship

### The First Sunday in Christmastide 2023

### FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST TO PRAISE AND PRAY

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Sandro Silva

WELCOME AND FRAMING OF WORSHIP Tyler Roach

Carillon on A Ukrainian Carol Sandro Silva PRELUDE

by Gerald Near

† Hymn 126 Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Andy Roby

Hymn 132 It Came upon a Midnight Clear CAROL

During the last stanza of Hymn 132, all children are invited to the Children's Moment

Tyler Roach and TMBC Children

with Dr. Tyler at the front of the Sanctuary. CHILDREN'S MOMENT IN WORSHIP

† Hymn 106 He is Born IL EST NÉ

> During Hymn 106, all preschoolers through five years old (including K) are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing. Meet the leaders at the front of the sanctuary, piano side.

### From Generation to Generation: We Serve and Give with **GENEROUS HEARTS**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Robbie Taylor, Deacon

Now is Born the Divine Christ Child OFFERTORY Sandro Silva

arr. Lani Smith

† Doxology 706 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

> 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. Amen.

# FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: WE ARE FORMED BY GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE John 1:1-14 Brad Smith

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED God Dwells with Us Brad Smith

#### From Generation to Generation: We Respond to God's Call

† Hymn of Response 119

His Name is Called Emmanuel

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If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to move forward to be received by the Pastor during the singing of the Hymn of Response. If you have been baptized as a follower of Jesus, we will receive you based on your previous baptism. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and to present yourself for Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service. The altar is open to all who wish to pray.

# FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: WE GO FORTH AS CHRIST'S PEOPLE

† Benediction		Brad Smith
† Postlude	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day arr. Tedd Smith	Fran Wilson
† All who are able, please star	nd.	TMBC CCLI License No. 558599
My Notes From Toda	у	

#### **COMING UP**

Sunday, December 25

1st Sunday in Christmastide NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55 am Morning Worship

December 26 & December 27

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 1 Epiphany Sunday

NÓ SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55 am Morning Worship

January 2 & January 3

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 4

7:15 pm Chancel Choir



## 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.

## First Time?

Please fill out our electronic Guest Form by scanning the QR code below.



#### **Advent Banner Art Description**

As we gather together this Advent, we think back over the centuries. From generation to generation, we pass on this Christmas story. In this year's banner design, the From Generation to Generation... theme artwork is in the center of the banner like a family around the table sharing stories from the day, the year, or from our collective history. Within the stained-glass window panes surrounding the inner portion, the stories of Christmas are depicted with simple symbols. In one pane, Mary's arms create a semicircle representing her cradling the newborn baby Jesus. Joseph's eyes are closed as he dreams about God's calling. The full bellies of Mary and Elizabeth create a curvy pattern—facing one another, turning away, and back again. The star of Bethlehem represents the host of angels, while sheep graze in the field to depict the story of the shepherds. King Herod's crown lurks repeatedly in the top right corner as a reminder of the dangers of power unconstrained by spiritual wisdom. Discover other images in the artwork that can inspire your Advent wonder.



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