

DECEMBER 17, 2023

The Memorial Baptist Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



*How Does a Weary  
World Rejoice?*



WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE AMAZED

# The Church in Worship

Advent 2023



## HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE? *We Allow Ourselves To Be Amazed*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three Bells

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIPERS

Andy Roby

PRELUDE

*I Saw Three Ships*  
Traditional English Carol arr. Joel Laney  
Mary Roby—Director

Chancel Handbells  
Sandro Silva

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kay and Tony Godwin

*Our God can part the sea.*

**God can bring water from a rock, and provide bread in the desert.**

*Our God can walk on water.*

**God can heal the sick, and turn water into wine.**

*Our God sets the stars in the sky.*

**God hears our voice when we cry, and is closer than our own breath.**

*There is nothing our God cannot do.*

**Let us stand in awe. Let us worship God with wonder.**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 102

*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

ANTIOCH

Acolyte: Lily Messerli—Crucifer: Owen Mayberry—Banner: Aubrey Mayberry

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*The Candle of Joy*

Thomas and Brianne Lamm  
Scottie and Campbell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brad Smith

† HYMN 126

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

During the last stanza of Hymn 126, all children are invited  
to meet Dr. Roach at the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment in Worship.

Children's Moment in Worship

Tyler Roach with TMBC Children

Song of Joy

*Emmanuel*

Ginny Graham, soloist

by Michael W. Smith

Emmanuel. Emmanuel.

Wonderful, Counselor. Lord of life, Lord of all. He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

Prayer of Dedication

Ed Porter

Offertory

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Chancel Handbells

arr. Michael Eithun

During the Offertory, all preschoolers through five years old (including K)  
are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing.  
Meet Ms. Pattie Allen and Mrs. Darcy Adey at the front of the Sanctuary, piano side.

† Hymn of Exultation

*Doxology for Advent*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.  
Praise God for gifts of joy and love.  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell  
on earth for us, Emmanuel. Amen.**

## CHORAL WORSHIP

### *Waiting*

by Pepper Choplin

Youth Ensemble  
Alex Smith, Soloist

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.  
Fill the mind 'til we find your light, your truth.  
Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.  
Fill the mind 'til we find your will, your way.

Now let us know your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God, be with us.  
We welcome you with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us. God be with us. Emmanuel.

List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord. List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord.  
Draw near, let us hear your Word for us.

Patience, give us patience Lord. When we pray, give us faith that you hear ev'ry prayer.  
As we're waiting...we are waiting...waiting.

### *The First Noel*

arr. PinkZebra

The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up, and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far.  
and to the earth, it gave a great light, and so it continued by day and by night.

The angels sang Noel. The angels sang Noel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.

## READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:57-66*

Brad Smith

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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Brad Smith

## † HYMN OF RESPONSE 136

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

SAMFORD

## † BENEDICTION

Brad Smith

## † POSTLUDE

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Sandro Silva



† All who are able, please stand



Please note that the nursery is available during today's Morning Worship service for infants and children up to three years of age.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

Mr. Jay Surles, Mrs. Sharon Surles, Mr. Robbie Taylor—Media Ministry Team

## **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:45 am—Sunday School  
10:55 am—Morning Worship  
3:00 pm—Christmas Caroling  
3:00 pm—Youth Progressive Dinner

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

1:00 pm—Food Pantry Distribution

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

#### **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 am—Fellowship Coffee Hour  
10:55 am—Casual Morning Worship  
7:00 pm—Communion and Candlelight Service




Join Us!




# CHRISTMAS CAROLING


**TODAY, December 17**

**3:00 pm**

*Thank you* **FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

All 2023 Contributions must be received by the church no later than Sunday, December 31, or by mail with a December 31 postmark, to be included in your total giving for 2023. Online gifts must be posted by the end of the day on December 31.



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**Advent 3 - Sunday, December 17**  
We allow ourselves to be amazed

- 9:45 am - Sunday School
- 10:55 am - Youth Worship Arts and Chancel
- Handbells share in Morning Worship
- 3:00 pm - Caroling & Youth Progressive Dinner

**Advent 4 - Sunday, December 24 (Morning)**  
We sing stories of hope

- 10:00 am - Fellowship Coffee Hour
- 10:55 am - Casual Morning Worship

**Sunday, December 24 (Evening)**  
We make room

- 7:00 pm - Candlelight, Carols, and Communion Service

## First Time?

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



**Thank you for visiting!**

We are so glad you could join us in worship this morning!

Want to know more? Reach out at [info@tmbc.org](mailto:info@tmbc.org) or (252) 756-5314 to get connected!



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