



DECEMBER 24, 2023

# The Memorial Baptist Church

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*How Does a Weary  
World Rejoice?*



WE SING STORIES OF HOPE



# The Church in Worship

Advent 2023



## HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE? *We Sing Stories of Hope*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three Bells

PRELUDE

*Angel's Carol*  
by John Rutter

Fran Wilson

WELCOME AND FRAMING OF WORSHIP

Andy Roby

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 79

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Acolyte: Heritage Odewade—Crucifer: Sydney Carden—Banner: Brooklyn Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*The Candle of Love*

Vickie, Chuck, and Sydney Carden

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Mary Did You Know?*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Jackson Saunders

Following the music for meditation, 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

† HYMN 90

*People Look East*

BESANÇON

Prayer of Dedication

Jay Surles

Offertory

*Were You There on That Christmas Night?*  
by Natalie Sleeth

Ella and Tyler Roach

Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night,  
when the world was filled with a holy light?  
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?  
Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King,  
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud at his birth?  
Did you hear how the choirs of Angels sang, at the glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang all through the night?  
Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,  
the salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above to the earth?  
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During the Offertory, all preschoolers through five years old (including K)  
are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing.  
Meet Mrs. Sharon Lee and Mrs. Luisa Haynes 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.**

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Luke 1:67-80*

Sydney Carden

Dave Taylor

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

***HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?  
We Sing Stories of Hope***

Brad Smith

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 145

*Star-Child*

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanzas 2-5: All

STAR-CHILD

† BENEDICTION

Brad Smith

† POSTLUDE

*Sleigh Ride*

arr. Bill Irwin

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. James Johnson, Mrs. Trish Johnson, Mr. Robbie Taylor—Media Ministry Team

### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

#### **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

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TMBC!**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

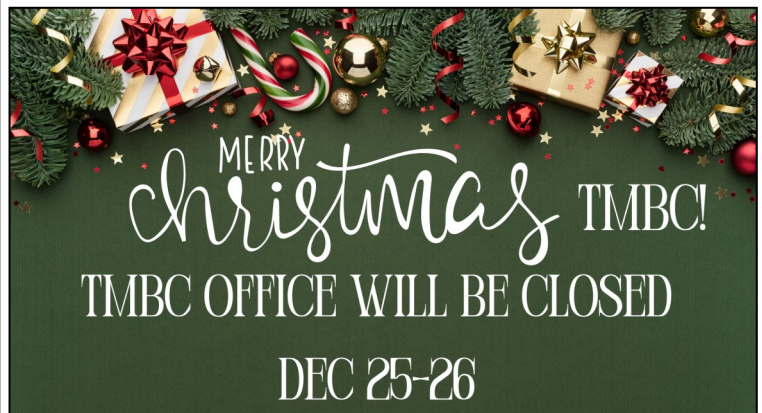
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#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9:45 am—Sunday School

10:55 am—Morning Worship



5:45 pm—Chancel Handbells





*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.

*Merry Christmas*


Brad Andy Tyler

Em Kay

Kristi Sandro Fran

Daimen Miriam

*Love, Your TMBC Ministers & Staff!*



**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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| <p><b>Dr. Andy Roby</b><br/>Associate Pastor<br/>Music and Worship Arts</p>    | <p><b>Dr. Brad Smith</b><br/>Senior Pastor</p> | <p><b>Dr. Tyler Roach</b><br/>Associate Pastor<br/>Families, Formation,<br/>Community Engagement</p> |
| <p><b>Dr. Juan Carlos Cevallos</b><br/>Hispanic Pastor</p>                     |  |  |
| <p><b>Mrs. Emily Troyan</b><br/>Communications &amp; Admin<br/>Coordinator</p> | <p><b>Mrs. Fran Wilson</b><br/>Pianist</p>     | <p><b>Mr. Sandro Silva</b><br/>Organist</p>  |

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm**