First Baptist Church

December 24th, 2015 Five O'Clock in the Evening Christmas Eve

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman (Guest Violinist Ivana Carlson)

Choral Introit Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless: love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory. Words and Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-722009.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Stephen, Nancy, Emily, and Wes Brady As night falls, and the shadows grow long, we wait in hopeful expectation for the coming light.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the child of God appear.

As war and violence swirl around us, we watch for the coming Prince of Peace. O come, desire of Nations, bind all people in one heart and mind. Bid all our sad divisions cease, and fill the world with Heaven's peace.

As we struggle amid the shadows and gloom, we drink deeply from the font of joy. O come, Key of David come, and open wide your heavenly home; Make safe the path to endless day, to death's destruction close the way.

As love seems a rare commodity in our world, we cling to the love that will not let us go. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Love stir within the womb of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

People of God, rejoice, for a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Opening Prayer

Candace Wilson

†Carol 89	
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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Jeff Harris

Passing the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

†Carol 100

Violin Solo

†Carol 103

Anthem

Violin Solo

Meditation

Violin Solo

Angels We Have Heard on High **GLORIA Phil Scoggins** Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 607) Gesú Bambino -Pietro Yon Luke 2:1-7 (p. p. 58) Scripture Reading **Beth McCallister** Away in a Manger MUELLER Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 (p. 58) **Elizabeth Burrell** Christ is Born, Nowell! -Pepper Choplin Surprise of a Lifetime Sydney Waldman What Child is This? -16th Century Carol/Dewagtere Jeff Harris Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20 (p. 58) "Fear Not" Jeff Harris Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring -J.S. Bach/Dewagtere

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Confession

The Lord has promised that if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Do you desire this grace and cleansing? Without it there is no hope for me.

Our Lord has warned that those who ask for forgiveness themselves must also practice forgiveness. Are you prepared to be generous and forgiving to those who have hurt you and to let go of all bitterness?

I am but I will need God's help.

(Silent Confession)

Jesus is our peace. He is God in the flesh and he has reconciled those who were divided through his birth, death, and resurrection. Because of this child from Bethlehem we are whole, even when we are broken.

Thank you, O God, for your gifts of mercy and love.

Words of Institution

We give thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying, **Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.** In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

†Carol 85 (stanzas 1 & 4)	The First Nowell	THE FIRST NOWELL
	by intinction. Come to the table, take a v of it, and return to your seat by the side ai	
Solo	<i>O Holy Night</i> (Kim McFarland, Soloist)	-Adolphe Adam
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-5 (p. 89)	Jeff Harris
*Carol 91 Silent 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.		
	ht, Darkness flies, all is light; Shepherds hear King! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Sa	
	Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams teming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus,	
	ht, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the a King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Sav	
[†] Benediction		Jeff Harris
*Carol 87 (first stanza) Joy to the World! ANTIOCH Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.		
†Postlude	<i>Joy to the World!</i> [†] Standing, if you are able, please.	-Lloyd Larson
Ivana Carlson is our guest violinist tonight. Ivana is fourteen vears old, is home-schooled.		

and lives in Tryon. She has been playing violin for 9 years and studies with Dr. Eun Sun Lee.

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