The Worship of God
Sunday, December 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent – The Promise of Messiah

The magnificent music invites us to consider how we are preparing during Advent. This worship service is not a passive event to sit back and only listen. Everything is about to change. Jesus, the promised Messiah is coming...but what does that mean and how is the most pivotal event in human history to be celebrated? God wants more than our applause. He wants our hearts. We confess we have walked in the dark land of captivity. Cry out this morning like Israel, "O Lord, come to our hurt and hope." Trust the promise that a *great light is coming to shine on us.* As you prepare, pray for God to free and release you from your fears and give you His peace.

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist

Welcome C. V. Blake

Congregational Call to Worship
Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come CH 270
O Come, All Ye Faithful CH 249

Lighting of the Advent Candle Nancy Brock, Mary Christopher, Dottie Ingalsbe, Susan Keeling, Susan Pigeon & Becky Rentz

Morning Prayer C. V. Blake
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Come, Emmanuel
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Erin Weber, violin
Glory to God (MESSIAH)

Songs of Our Worship *Angels We Have Heard on High* CH 278
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing CH 277

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Isaiah 61:1-3* Susan Keeling
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Jimmie Keeling

Offertory
The First Noel
Erin Weber, violin
Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Some Children See Him
Jim Jones, solo

An Advent Invitation *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Phil Christopher

Benediction *Hallelujah (from MESSIAH)*

Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given in honor of Era Jo Lester, celebrating her 90th birthday. With much love, all her family.