

The Worship of God
Sunday, December 15, 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent...Celebrating Peace and Joy

The following words come from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, in his "Letters from Prison" on November 21, 1943. He was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Flossenburg Concentration Camp. He was hanged at the age of 39 on April 9, 1945, only days before the Allied Forces liberated the camp. He wrote: "Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other- things that are of no real consequence – the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside." How do you need to be liberated from your prison of anger, grudges, blindness, harsh words, or addictions to know His peace and joy? How can Jesus open your cell door today?

Prelude *Carols of Christmas Medley* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Mike Greenfield

Time of Greeting *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* CH 258

Congregational Call to Worship *Angels from the Realms of Glory* CH 259

Lighting of the Advent Candle Tom Cunningham

Morning Prayer Mike Greenfield

Children Involved in Missions *Give Hope Presentation*

Student Worship *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)* Youth Choir

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

God's Eternal Word for Us Today Jaxon Craig
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 2:8-14
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Mason Kerby

Offertory *Hark the Herald!* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Peace and Joy From Where We Least Expect It

Invitation *Come Just As You Are* CH 481

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *Angels We Have Heard on High* CH 278

Postlude *Carols of Christmas Medley* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given by Beth Noles Borgfeld and Leslie Noles Tippens and families in honor of Jimmy and Kaye Noles 60th anniversary.