

The Worship of God
Sunday, December 02, 2018

The First Sunday of Advent – Hope – Our Mission to the World

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of Hope. The purple candle reminds us a King is coming. We rejoice today at the parade of flags and our mission to the world of driving out the darkness. Yet, as we begin this journey, let us remember the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who died a martyr's death: "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and hope for something greater to come." How do you need hope today for something greater to come? How are you still living in darkness?

Prelude *The First Noel* Celebration Orchestra

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome Kelsey Higbee

Time of Greeting *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Chad Gossett Family

Parade of Nations *Carry the Light* Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choirs

Call to Worship *The First Noel* CH 265
O Come, All Ye Faithful CH 249

***During the singing of O Come, All Ye Faithful,
all children are invited to decorate the trees with the Chrismons.***

Morning Prayer Kelsey Higbee

Family Dedication *Darcy Jane Poindexter* Phil Christopher
Trent & Erin Poindexter, parents

Songs of Our Worship *Emmanuel* CH 243
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus CH 244

God's Eternal Word for Us *Jeremiah 33:14-16* Ben Gray
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Louise Gray

Offertory *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Sanctuary Choir

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Don't Give Up...The Days are Coming

Invitation *Lord, I Need You*

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *The First Noel* CH 265

Postlude *The First Noel* Celebration Orchestra

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Guy & Dolores Shaw and Gerry Weatherby by Cindy Parker, Susan Montalvo, Jim Parker, and Elizabeth Parker.