



ADVENT 2019

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

Joy
December 15, 2019

Weeping may endure for the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

—Psalm 30.5

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

Global Missions Video

As we gather for worship, a video shares of how **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions**—our special offering for December—supports the work of joy around the world.

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Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Musical Prelude

Joseph Martin

○ Come Little Children
Matt Messick piano

Isaiah 35.1-10

Whitehead Family

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

**They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;**

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

**they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

†Hymn of Praise 135

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Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

†Words of Friendship

Christina McCord

Ministry of Music

No Room

Nan Grantham

Preschool Choir

Louise Burroughs *director*

Meganne Gould, Genelle and Seth Hix, Jamie Powell, Doug Vancil *helpers*

How Far Is It to Bethlehem

English Carol

Music Makers

Penny Rowe *director*, Rosemary Kellam *accompanist*

Call to Prayer

ST. LOUIS

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we

The first system of musical notation for 'Call to Prayer' consists of a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we'.

pray; cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in - us to -

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The lyrics are: 'pray; cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in - us to -'.

day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings

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tell; O come to us, a - bide with us our Lord Em - man - u - el.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: 'tell; O come to us, a - bide with us our Lord Em - man - u - el.'

Prayers of God's People

Berkley Willis

Prayer Strip Collectors

Benjamin Duckworth, Caleb Hix, Madilyn Hix, Lily James Kesler,
 Jake McCord, Ellis Moody, Miller Norman, Jack Sherouse,
 Palmer Shively, Declan Stephens, Caleb Wall, Patrick Whitehead.

Prayer Response

CRADLE SONG

Be near us, Lord Je - sus; we ask thee to
(Bless) all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der
stay care, close and by us for - ev - er, and
fit us for heav - en to
1. love us, we pray. Bless live with thee there.
2.

Opening of God's Word

Caleb Hix

Scripture Lesson

Braden Hall, Katie Parrish

Luke 1.46b–55

Choral Anthem

Michael Bedford

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Young Musicians

Terri Vancil *director*, Janice Hix *accompanist*

Gayle Wager, Jack Foxworth, Keeley Duckworth *helpers*

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Singing With Our Children

Hymn of Response 150

GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This?

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Sarah Moore

Choral Offering

Anna Laura Page

Creation Will Be at Peace
Parent Ensemble and Young Musicians

tBenediction

Rev. Sherouse

tSong of Dismissal

THE FIRST NOEL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Advent Evening Services

Caroling

Today at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Caroling to our homebound members.

Spontaneous Nativity

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:15 p.m.

A simple retelling of the birth of Jesus
led by all the children of the church in costume.

Christmas Oratorio by *Camille Saint-Saëns*

Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Join the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and orchestra for a presentation of this venerable traditional music, along with seasonal favorites.

A reception of **Christmas Cheer** will follow at

Double Oaks Bed and Breakfast (Mendenhall Street).

Childcare is provided for infants–grade 1 during the concert and reception
and for grades 2-5 during the reception.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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