



ADVENT 2019

# The Worship of God

## Second Sunday of Advent

*Peace*

December 8, 2019

And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

–Philippians 4.18

### Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

### Global Missions Video

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

### Advent Wreath

### Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

### Choral Introit

Lee Dengler

The Waiting Prayer

Sanctuary Choir

Jamell Strickland, Music Intern *director*

Baker Lawrimore, Music Intern *organ*

*O come, O come and be with us, Emmanuel.*

*We wait for you.*

*We long for you every morning, and at midday,  
watch for signs of your coming. We seek your face in the evening,*

*O come quickly; you alone can save us.*

### Isaiah 11.1-10

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A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots,

**The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,**

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

**His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.**

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

**but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;**

He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

**Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.**

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
a little child shall lead them.

The cow and bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together,  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

**They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.**

### †Hymn of Praise 133

VENI EMMANUEL

○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel

stanza one: **treble voices**

stanza two: **bass voices**

stanzas three, four, and five: **everyone**

### †Words of Friendship

Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

### A Time for Children

Christina McCord

# Call to Prayer

ST. LOUIS

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 -

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

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

# Prayers of God's People

Rev. Grizzle Kane

# 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 fit us for us for - ev - er, and \_\_\_  
 love us, we pray. Bless live with thee there. \_\_\_

Opening of God's Word

Hunter Hondros

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Grizzle Kane

Matthew 3.1-12

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

The Cousin of Peace

Hymn of Response 136

PUER NOBIS

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Kevin Starr, deacon

Choral Offering

Paul Manz

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come  
 Sanctuary Choir

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Song of Dismissal

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*

**North Carolina A & T State University Choir in Concert**  
Today at 4:00 p.m.

The University Choir under the direction of Maestro Travis Alexander presents their annual holiday concert in the sanctuary.

## **Caroling**

Sunday, December 15 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. (just across the front lawn on Mendenhall Street.)

## **Christmas Eve**

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

Carols, Candles, and Communion.

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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