

Advent I

Hope

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we have joy in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

—Romans 5.1-5

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Opening Voluntary *Albert Travis*

Fantasia on Hyfrydol
Rev. Doug Vancil, organ

Opening the Bible Lily James Kesler

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Nancy and Dale Allison

The days are surely coming, says the LORD
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this is the name by which it will be called:
"The Lord is our righteousness."**

—Jeremiah 33.14-16

†Hymn 135

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words of Friendship

Rev. Courtney Willis

A Time for Children

Vicki Champion

Congregational Refrain

CRADLE SONG



Be near us, Lord Je - sus; we__ ask thee to
(Bless) all the dear chil - dren in__ thy ten - der



stay close by us for - ev - er, and__
care, and__ fit us for heav - en to



Prayers of God's People (The Worshipping Church, Hymn 149)
love us, we pray. Bless live with thee there. Rev. Chris Cherry

Scripture Reading

Luke 21.25-36

Rev. Courtney Willis

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation



Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion bid her groans and tra -
With that "bless - ed hope" be - fore us, let no harp re - main



vail cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion hope re -
un - strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus on - ward



store and faith in - crease; Christ is com - ing! Christ is
roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing! Christ is



com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
com - ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come!



Let each heart re - peat the strain. (The Worshipping Church, Hymn 271)
Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come! A - men.

Stewardship Prayer

Megan Kesler, deacon

Choral Anthem

Donald Pearson

An Advent Processional

Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Refrain:



(bells) O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*Come thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall such birth befits the God of all.*

*Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit thou art still.
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.*

*From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds:
His course he runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell.*

*O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright and darkness breathe a newer light.
Where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene.*

*All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.*

We will conclude the service outside on the front steps as our ministers dismiss us row by row beginning in the front. Please reserve the porch for those who are not comfortable standing on the steps.

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace