

FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
5 PM | SANCTUARY



Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Call to Worship | Women's Ensemble

Not That Far From Bethlehem | arr. Audrey Snyder

Underneath the stars
Just a simple man and wife.
Somewhere in the dark
His words cut the silent night.

Take my hand, for the child
That you carry is God's own,
And though it seems the road is long

We're not that far from Bethlehem,
Where all our hope and joy began.
For in our arms, we'll cherish Him.
We're not that far, from Bethlehem.

Let us celebrate
As the Christmas's go by.
Learn to live our days
With our hearts near to the child.

Ever drawn, ever close
To the only love that lasts,
And though 2000 years have passed

We're not that far from Bethlehem,
Where all our hope and joy began.
For when our hearts still cherish Him,
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Christ Candle Lighting | Chuck, Janie, Zoe, Molly, & Dottie Powell with Sanctuary Choir, Handbells & Congregation

Light of Light | Joel Raney

Choir: Light of Light, we humbly pray; shine in our hearts today.
Dispel the gloom and dark of night; fill all the world with love and light.
Voices cry out from a world in grief; prayers of those who seek relief.
End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, good will for all.

Leader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

Congregation: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

Leader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and grant us peace.

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Leader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and bring us true joy.

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Leader: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and fill us with love.

Congregation: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

Candle Lighting

ALL: Voices cry out from a world in grief; prayers of those who seek relief.

End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, good will for all.

Choir: Peace on earth, good will for all.

Words of Welcome and Christmas Greetings | Brent McDougal

First Lesson: Promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18) | Susan Tatum

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

Behold, A Star from Jacob Shining | Mendelsohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

And a scepter from Israel rising.

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

And a scepter from Israel rising.

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

From Jacob shining.

To reign in glory over the nations,

To reign in glory over the nations,

To reign in glory over the nations,

To reign in glory over the nations.

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

To reign in glory over the nations,

To reign in glory over the nations.

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

Behold a star from Jacob shining,

Behold a star, a star from Jacob shining.

Like some bright morning star is he,
The promise of the coming day,
Beyond the night of sorrow.
Break forth, O Light!
We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
Hail the brightness of Thy rising.

Second Lesson: Prophecy of Isaiah (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7) | Tim Boone

***Carol 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (stanza 1) | HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Third Lesson: The Peaceful Kingdom (Isaiah 11:1-9) | Pam Neal

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

On This Silent Holy Night | Mary McDonald

On this silent, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
See the virgin mother's child! Holy infant, meek and mild.
Tender shoot from Jesse's tree, Son of God come willingly.
Sleep in heav'nly peace tonight on this silent, holy night.

On this silent, holy night, Love's pure light now beams so bright.
Radiant from Thy holy face dawns the rays of redeeming grace.
Lead me in the path of peace; let all sin and strivings cease.
Jesus, Lord, reign in my heart on this silent, holy night.

On this silent, holy night wondrous star lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia to our King!"
Peace on earth from God Most High rests on us, those favored by
Christ our Savior, born tonight on this silent, holy night.
On this silent, holy night.

Fourth Lesson: The Magnificat (Luke 1:26-38) | Chuck Powell

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

I Am the Light | Goeller

I am the light, I am the light, I am the light of the world.
I am the light, I am the light, I am the light of the world.

I have come as a light into the world.
So that no one who believes in me shall remain in darkness.
He who follows me shall not walk in darkness,
But have the light of life.

I am the light, I am the light, I am the light of the world.
I am the light, I am the light, I am the light of the world.
You are the light of the world, the light of the world.
Let your light shine before men, shine before men that they might see
Your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven,
Your Father in heaven.

You are the light, you are the light, you are the light of the world.

Fifth Lesson: The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-7) | Susan Tatum

***Carol 110**

Away in a Manger (stanza 1) | MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Children's Message | Susan Tatum

Sixth Lesson: Shepherds and Angels (Luke 2:8-15) | Tim Boone

***Carol 125**

Angels We Have Heard on High (stanza 1) | GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Seventh Lesson: The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-5,14) | Pam Neal

Lyre of Gold Quartet | Liz Brogan and Chris Justice, Clarinetists - Melanie Simpson, Pianist - Jill Hobby, Soprano Soloist

O Holy Night | arr. Gary Lanier

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night, O holy night, O night divine!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
O night divine!

Christmas Eve Homily | Brent McDougal
Be the Light: Light Begets Light | John 1:9-14

***Candlelight Carol 134 | Rhonda Carpenter, Harp**

Silent Night | STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***Benediction | Brent McDougal**

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

**Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

Please deposit candles in the baskets located at the exits.

SPOTLIGHT ON

DISCOVER FIRST

For many of us, First Baptist Knoxville has been our church home for many years. Some in our church family have been members since shortly after they were born. We also have people who have been coming to First Baptist for a while but have not joined. Some may have questions about church membership – Why is it important? How do I join? What is church membership all about? Some who have recently joined may also have questions about First Baptist and church membership.

Answering those questions is what **Discover First** is all about. On January 9, at 9:45 am, in 230 Centre, the first Discover First class will take place. The class will include information about First Baptist, the staff, a brief history of the church, and will include a booklet of information. Each person will also receive a book about church membership. We hope to answer all your questions on membership at First Baptist.

If you have been coming to First Baptist for a long time or only a short time, or if you have recently joined and have questions, you can find answers to all the questions you have about First Baptist and church membership. You can sign up for the class with an email to pneal@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Adjusted Christmas Schedule

11 am, Sanctuary

A Christmas Celebration Service,
No First Community or Sunday School

Monday

Office Closed for Christmas

Tuesday

Office Closed for Christmas

Next Sunday

Regular Sunday Activities Return
(First Community, Sunday School,
11 am Service.)

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