

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, December 20, 2020

St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC

EXPECTING GOD'S HANDS OF LOVE: ADVENT IV

Prelude

Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne

by Mark Patterson

Graham Harding, soloist (from Young Voices of the Carolinas)

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Allison Benfield

Lighting the Candle of Love

Jordan, Elizabeth, and Greer Benton

Song

Light the Candle

by J. Kevin Gray

Wesley Watts, soloist

Carol

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Malachi 4:1-2

Ken Raynor, reader

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the written word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*



Artwork by Jan Kerley

Carol

Away in a Manger

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

Special Music

Go Where I Send Thee

by André Thomas

recorded in 2018

Children go where I send thee. How shall I send thee? I'm a-gonna send thee one by one.
One for the little bitty baby. He was born! Born! Born in Bethlehem. I'm gonna send thee
one by one. One for the little bitty baby. Two by two, two for Paul and Silas. Three was the
Hebrew children. Born, born, born in Bethlehem. Four came knocking at the door; four
came knocking at the door. Somebody's knocking at the door. Somebody's knocking at the
door. Four was the four that came knocking at the door. Oh sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door. I shall send thee five by five. Five for the gospel
preacher. I shall send thee six by six. Six was the six that couldn't get fixed. Seven went up
to heaven. Eight was the eight that stood at the gate. Nine was the nine that got left
behind. Ten by ten cause ten was the ten commandments. Go where I send thee, how shall
I send thee. Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Church at Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Nate Dove

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Carol

The Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Carol

Anne Hager, soloist

Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved son

With Mary holy we should pray,
To God with love this Christmas Day
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Offertory

The First Noel

arr. Jason Krüg

Handbell Choir

Message

Like Children on Christmas Morning

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Carol

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

J. Noel Lance

Lift Up Your Heads

by Robert MacDonald