

Worship of God in Christ December 11, 2022



"Colored by Sam Hellings"

3rd Sunday of Advent

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Rev. Val Fisk

Prelude – "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (arr. Ramey)

Barbara Moore & Susan Deal

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship

Laura Martindale

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for our sorrow and mourning will not last forever!

All: Amen! Glory to God! The joy of our God shall drive away the sorrow.

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God's mercies are new every morning!

All: Amen! Glory to God! Every morning is new. Grace abounds.

One: Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God is with us, even now!

All: Amen! Glory to God! Let us worship together in joy and gladness!

Choral Call to Worship - "He Came Down"

Sanctuary Choir

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row so that we have a record of your presence with us today.

Gospel Lesson – John 1:1-4, 9-13, 18b

Laurie Pallini

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Special Music - "This Little Light of Mine"

Ray Gaines

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Lynne Gardner & Shirley Clark

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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*Doxology

Gospel Lesson -Luke 1:26-38

Laura Morris

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem - "Lord, Here Am I"

Sanctuary Choir

*Hymn - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
[MARY, JOSEPH, AND BABY ENTER SANCTUARY AND TAKE SEATS IN CHANCEL]

Hymn - "Away in a Manger" v.1,2 [ANGEL with STAR MOVES BEHIND MARY AND JOSEPH]

Anthem - "Angels From the Realms of Glory" S
[ALL OTHER "ANGELS" COME TO SURROUND THE BABY JESUS]

Sanctuary Choir

Hymn - "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" [ALL "SHEPHERDS" MOVE TO FRONT DURING SINGING]

Special Music - "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
[ALL "ANIMALS" MOVE TO FRONT DURING SINGING]

Ingrid Flaherty & Charlotte Seargent

*Hymn - "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
[ALL TOWNSPEOPLE MOVE TO FRONT DURING SINGING]

Homily Dr. Matthew Tennant

*Hymn - "Joy to the World"

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

Postlude – "Joy to the World" (arr. Michael) Barbara Moore

^{*} Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

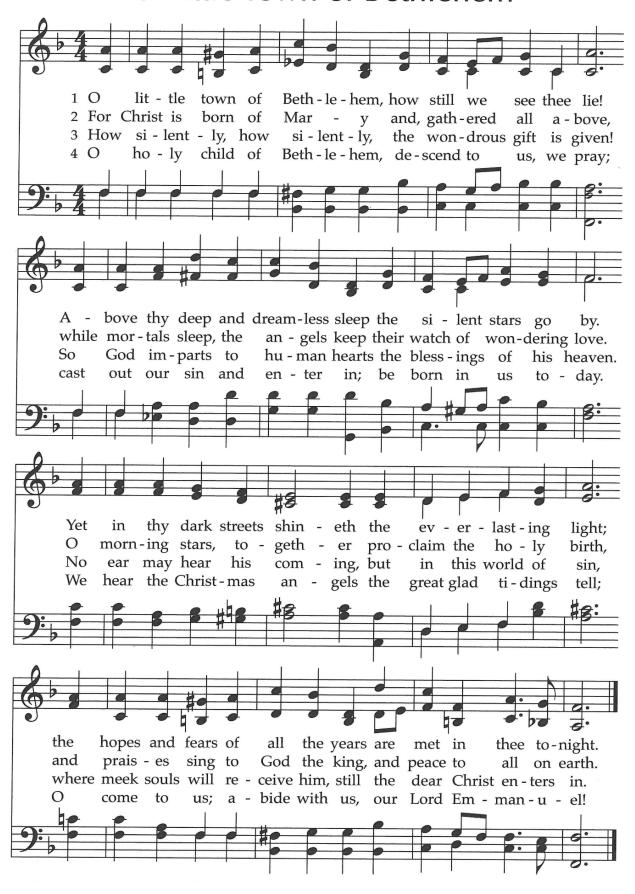
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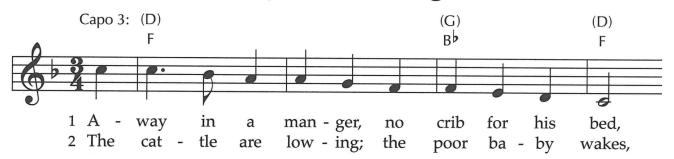
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O Little Town of Bethlehem

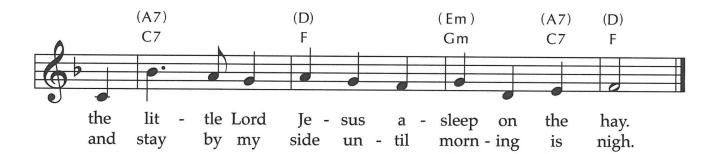


Away in a Manger

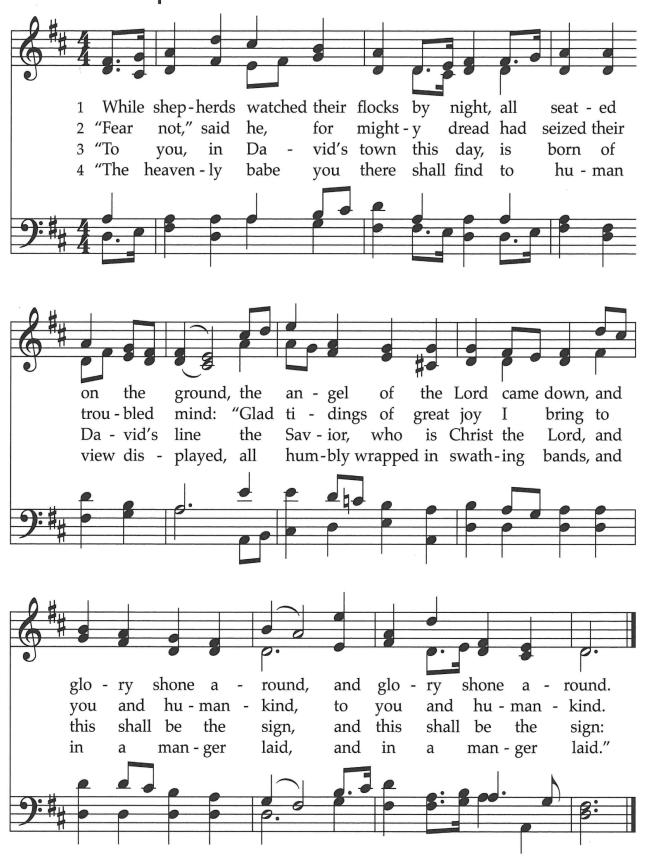








While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



Go, Tell It on the Mountain





WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

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FLOWERS: On the communion table this morning is the Nativity drawing our attention to the anticipated birth of Jesus.

God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

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