

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship – December 22nd, 2019

First Baptist Church News & Events

Gathering

Prelude Nick Carlson
 Welcome and Invitation to Participate Pastor Mark Rambo

*Shared Greetings

Lighting the Advent Candles — Light of Light
Light of Light—Choir Choral Response—congregation (insert)

Leader: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

People: God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.

Leader: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

People: God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.

Leader: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

People: God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

Leader: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

People: God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

Lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Leader: Today, we light four candles — the candles of hope, peace, joy and the candle representing love. This candle is a symbol of Christ's eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been called to love others in the same way we best love ourselves. We are the embodiment of God's love here and now.

Light of Light — Choral Response — Congregation (insert)

Offering Ourselves

*Advent Hymn *How Great Our Joy* #192
 The Written Word Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 pg. #575 in pew Bibles
 Prayers of the People
 Musical Presentation *Oh What a Wonderful Child* The Quintessentials & John Morgan

Home

The Written Word Romans 12:1–8 pg 1100 in pew Bibles
 The Spoken Word *Moving to a New Home without Going Anywhere*
 Rev. Doug Avilesbernal

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn *I Wonder as I Wander* #210
 Gifts of the People
 Offertory Nick Carlson

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Hymn of Transition *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #216

*Benediction/Sending forth: Walk Humbly — Love Completely — Live Differently

*Postlude Nick Carlson

* = please stand if you can do so comfortably

Today:

***Newsletter Deadline

10:00 a.m. Worship & Choir Cantata
 4:00 p.m. Table Grace - Feeding Ministry

This Week:

Dec. 23rd Office Open
 Dec. 24th Office Open until Noon
 Dec. 24th 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
 Dec. 25th Merry Christmas to Everyone!
 Dec. 26-27th Office Closed
 Dec. 28th No Emmaus



The Advent wreath is given by Madge Ellis in loving memory of her husband, Bert. Bert was the "Chief Decorator" of the church at Christmas for many years. The Advent wreath is a fitting remembrance of his creative abilities.

Rev. Doug Avilesbernal, Executive Minister of the Evergreen Association: It's a pleasure to welcome Rev. Doug Avilesbernal to our service this morning. Doug is the Executive Minister of the Evergreen Baptist Association of ABCUSA, of which we are now a part.

End of Year Giving: All giving must be received by 12 noon on **December 31st** to be counted towards your 2019 church giving.

Office Schedule Changes: Due to Christmas & New Years – the office will be open on Monday the 23rd, and will close early on the 24th at 12 Noon. On the **26th and 27th the office will be closed.** Continuing the changes, the office will be open on Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st, and then be **closed from Jan. 1st through the 3rd.**

Christmas Eve Service - Star of Wonder, Star so Bright, Come see God's Chosen Light, Tuesday, December 24th @ 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for a time of song, scripture and light. Bring your family and friends into God's story of incarnation, joy, and finding home!

