

**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship**

**December 24, 2017
11:00 p.m.**

Instrumental Music beginning at 10:40 p.m.

Pre-service Christmas Prelude

"What Child Is This?" arr. John Behnke
Christine Baird, organ

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Faye Lopez
Brian Shepard, piano

"Away in a Manger" arr. Robert Lau
Christine Baird, organ

"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Marilyn Ham
Sally Welch and Christine Baird, piano duet

"Once in Royal David's City" arr. Mark Hayes
Christine Baird, piano

"Silent Night! Holy Night!" arr. David Lasky
Christine Baird, organ

"Mary, Did You Know?" Mark Lowry, Buddy Green
Brian Shepard, tenor

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Nicely family

*Carol: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (vs. 1, 3 & 4) 173

*Invocation

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Offering: *"Still is the Night"* Joseph R. Martin
Sanctuary Choir

Second Reading: Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

Carol: *"Angels We Have Heard On High"* 152

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Music Ministry: *"O Holy Night"* Adolphe C. Adam
Sanctuary Choir

Fourth Reading: Luke 2: 8-20

Message: *"A Shepherd's Story"* Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

Solo: *"To Touch His Tiny Hand"* Douglas R. Wagner
Barb Cobb

*Candle Lighting Carol: *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*
Passing of the Light of Christ (the Deacons will bring the light to the end of each row. Worshipers are asked to share the light with a neighbor. Lit candles remain upright, and the unlit candle is tilted to receive the light.)

*Benediction

*Carol: *"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"* (vs. 1 & 4) 146

Postlude: *"Joy to the World"* arr. David Lasky

*Congregation stands as able.

Those Serving Among Us

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director:	Brian Shepard
Video Technician:	Mark Dunaway
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb
Head Ushers:	Dave Adams

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be received at this service – funds not identified for the church budget will go to the RMMO. The RMMO provides an annual “thank you” check to retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries as well as providing emergency funds for retirees in need of assistance.

Pastor Wayne and Julie Paulsen join with the staff of First Baptist Church to wish you a Christmas filled with the joy and peace of the Savior.

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