

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

CHIMES

WELCOME

Denise Plumblee

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Rebecca Bonham

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Wells Family

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, another Christian year begins,

People: And the church begins to tell the gospel story once again.

Leader: The story begins with the birth of Jesus,

People: When people who walked in darkness were looking for the light.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we are looking for the light again.

People: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

Leader: The same Jesus who came as a baby, is coming now by His Spirit, and will come again as King of kings and Lord of lords.

All: Come, Lord Jesus; and when You come, bring us hope. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Hymn #80

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts you bring from above.

Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your hope, reflected in me.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne**

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Stephen Clyborne/Karli Selz

Clara Elizabeth Hawkins, born November 8, 2019

Jack Charles Hawkins, born August 15, 2021

Daughter and son of Brad and Katherine Hawkins

SOLO

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Caswall/Goss

Wendell Cothran, tenor

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See, the gentle Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, O ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Hope is born in Bethlehem!"

Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!
Hail, O ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Hope is born in Bethlehem!"

Teach, O teach us, holy child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee in Thy sweet humility.
Hail, O ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Hope is born in Bethlehem!"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jay Roland

*OFFERTORY HYMN #95

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prepare the Royal Highway

(On the first stanza, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School.)

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let every hill and valley a level road appear!

The hope of every nation, God's promise of salvation.

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

We wait our Savior's coming, our own eternal King!

Long promised by the prophets, let heaven with praises ring.

Our hope is ever growing, God's peace to all bestowing.

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

Come fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!

All lands will bow before Him, their voices join to sing

Of hope and peace abounding, of joy to heaven resounding.

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

Christ's is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.

His rule secures our freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Hope, peace, and joy our treasure, God's love above all measure.

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Josh Shugart

OFFERTORY

A Baby Will Come

arr. Bill Wolaver

*RESPONSE

DIX

**For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5

Stephen Clyborne

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—
³"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

arr. Howard Helvey

Eric Wells, tambourine; Sanctuary Choir

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken;
The word is never broken.

MESSAGE

"'Tis the Season...for Hope"

Stephen Clyborne

Sermon Series: *'TIS THE SEASON*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #99

AR HYD Y NOS

View the Present Through the Promise

View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.

Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.

Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing

In the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.

Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.

Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.

Let you loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving

Be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.

Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.

Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating

To the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

Stephen Clyborne

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse

Louis Claude D'Aquin

*Congregation will please stand.

Hearing devices are available upon request. Please see one of the ushers if you would like to use one. Our worship services are live streamed via the ESBC YouTube channel. The services are also archived for future viewing on YouTube.

For an explanation of the meaning of the colors and symbols used for worship in our sanctuary, please refer to the worship guide located on the front page of the hymnal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE

Today at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The Youth Choir and Youth Handbell Choir will provide the music, along with carols and readings as we decorate our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Trip to the Processing Center in Charlotte, NC

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Interested in volunteering? There are seven spots left to go on this trip. We will leave the church at 8:00 am. Our volunteer shift is from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm with a break for lunch. There is pizza, Chick-fil-A and other snacks available for purchase at the processing center. We will arrive back at the church around 4:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tink Baker at bradleybeachpc@hotmail.com or (864) 787-7626.

XYZ PROGRAM AND LUNCH

Thursday, December 15th

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Lemon Pepper Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes,
Peas, Pear Salad, Rolls, and Carrot Cake

The Grace Notes are made up of members of The Music Club of Greenville. Currently performing are Jane Bauer and Dana Boney on flutes, our very own Rosemary Cureton on piano, and Barbara Gulley as vocalist. They will be performing some classic and holiday music for us.

The Music Club of Greenville raises funds for several projects each year: giving scholarships to high school students who want to major in music in college, giving grants to music teachers in our school systems, and collecting used instruments so we can refurbish them and donate them to the school systems. These donations are made to Greenville and Pickens Counties since that is where their members live. Donations for The Grace Notes concerts are given to their PITCH program, which stands for "Providing Instruments To CHildren". If you have any unused musical instruments at home that you would like to donate, bring them to the meeting!

SENIOR ADULT DAY TRIP

The Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

Gingerbread House Display

Monday, December 12 // 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person

We have more room so come and join us!