

# HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

The Church at Worship

**Prelude**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain.

**Introit**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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Leigh Bigger, Mike Bunch, Brenda Doyle, John Myers

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:

Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

**Welcome**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Moment of Silence and Invocation**

**Lighting the Candle of Joy**

The words of the apostle Paul encourage us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: rejoice.”

**But joy is often elusive in a world filled with sorrow and sadness.**

In Psalm 5:11, we hear these words, “But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, so that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.”

**As we await the birth of the Christ child, let us throw off our distractions, so that we may wait and watch with joyful expectation.**

Let us hear again the wonderful message of the season. Christ is coming to bring healing and wholeness to the world and to us. He is the source of genuine delight.

**We can rejoice, for God comes to turn our weeping into laughter, and our mourning into gladness.**

We hear again the message of the angel, “Be not afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

**Even when we face difficulty and trouble, we sing a song of faith. We remain confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.**

Together we are a sign of God’s joy for the world.

**Today we light the candle of joy. May the brightness of God’s gift of joy shine in our lives and through us for our world.**

**Response to Lighting the Candle**    *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*  
Leigh Bigger

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your joy, reflected in me.

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Children's Message**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

**Carol**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Leigh Bigger, Mike Bunch, Brenda Doyle, John Myers

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains  
in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. Refrain

**Gospel Reading**

John 1:6-9; 19-28

**Message**

*To Tell the Truth*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
The Hope Valley Baptist Church Handbell Choir

ADESTE FIDELES

