

WORSHIPPING GOD

December 26, 2021

Close to Home – Chosen Home

First Sunday of Christmas

**We invite those who are able to stand*

+Today, we invite families to worship together as we celebrate Emmanuel, the God who came to earth as a little child. The presence of children in worship is a joy and delight to the Lord and to us at Churchland Baptist.

Welcoming Music.....Dorothy Lorenz, Piano

Chiming of the Trinity

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God,
alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.*

Call to Worship.....Penny Overton

Jesus said,

“This is my Father’s house.”

So come into this space

just as you are.

Come into this space

speaking your truth.

Come into this space

with your authentic self.

This is God’s home.

This is our home.

Welcome Home.

Invitation to Worship.....Lori Poston

*Hymn #179.....Joy to the World

Led by the CBC Ensemble

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.

Let every heart, prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make his blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness

And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love

And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Passing of the Peace.....Kim Miller

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Old Testament Lesson (1 Samuel 2:18-20&26, pew Bible p.212).....Scarlett Morris

Now Samuel was serving the Lord. He was a young boy, clothed in a linen priestly vest. His mother would make a small robe for him and take it to him every year when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife: “May the Lord replace the child of this woman that you gave back to the Lord.” Then they would return home.

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel kept growing up and was more and more liked by both the Lord and the people.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas Doxology (sung to the tune of “O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

Lighting the Candles of Christmas.....Karen Cullifer and Jacob Koger

We light the Christ Candle to remind us that the Light of the World has come.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.

We light these candles to thank God for the hope he gives,

The peace he bestows,

The joy that pours out,

And the love that redeems.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Today, we add our voices to the angels who sang of the birth of Emmanuel.

Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace, good will among all people.

Hymn #218.....Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Led by the CBC Ensemble

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Gospel Lesson (Luke 2:41-52, pew Bible p. 781-782).....Kim Miller

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn’t find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We’ve been looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father’s house?” But they didn’t understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem.....Love has Come.....Marty Parks

CBC Ensemble; Dorothy Lorenz, Piano

Morning Prayer.....Kim Miller

Sermon.....Chosen Home.....Lori Poston

*Hymn #595.....They'll Know We are Christians

Led by the CBC Ensemble

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

*Sending and Blessing.....Lori Poston

*Postlude.....Dorothy Lorenz, Organ

+No childcare is provided for today's service. Families are encouraged to worship together.