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# BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, December 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent



"Annunciation" by Matthew Whitney (2008)

“Hope Cracks Open the Door ”

# WELCOME TO BAYSHORE

## **Prelude**

Veni, Emmanuel  
Carol of Christmas

Doug Brickett

## **Call to Worship**

#76 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1)

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

Jennifer Matlock,  
Ava and Sam

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or logged in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

**ALL: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.**

Candle of Hope is lighted.

## **Welcome & Collect**

Rev. Sara Hunt-Felke

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **† Hymn**

#77 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Congregation

### **† Scripture Reading**

Psalms 146 p. 622  
Matthew 25:1-13 p. 983

Nathan Pawelkop

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

**Silent Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Closing with The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

**The Ordinance of Holy Communion**

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

**Musical Reflection**

Agnieszka Zick

Movements for Advent (arr. Joseph M. Martin)

**Worship through Tithes & Offerings**

*Children, Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are dismissed for Children's Church.*

† **Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

(Sung to the tune on p. 253)

† **Hymn**

Congregation

#78 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Sermon**

Rev. Sara Hunt-Felke

“Hope Cracks Open the Door”

† **Hymn of Response**

Congregation

#76 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 2 -4)

*Bayshore is a welcoming fellowship. We invite those who desire to unite with the life and ministry of the church to express that by coming forward and speaking to one of the pastors at this point in the service.*

**Benediction**

Rev. Sara Hunt-Felke

† **Choral Benediction**

Congregation

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

**Postlude**

Doug Brickett

Joy to the World



## WAYS TO GIVE

- ⇒ Place tithes and offerings in the offering plates
- ⇒ Text *bayshorebaptist* to (833) 245-9223
- ⇒ Online at <https://pushpay.com/pay/bayshorebaptistchurch>

### ***First Sunday Good Habits***

On the first Sunday of each month, the Bayshore family practices the "Good Habits" of wearing name tags during worship, as well as collecting a benevolence offering. Please consider contributing to the fund we use to meet emergency needs in our community as you exit the service, and reach out to greet one another today with the love and spirit of Jesus.

### ***Today's Advent Celebrations!***

Today is a BIG day of Celebration! Shore Kids Christmas Party is 2-4pm. Then ***EVERYONE IS INVITED*** to an "after party" from 4-6pm at Hyde Park Assisted Living Facility (3011 W De Leon St) for caroling, gift giving and dinner, too! Our students close out the evening in The LOFT from 6-8pm.

### ***Women's Advent Gathering***

Gather for an evening of fellowship and creativity next Sunday, December 10th from 6-8PM. We'll be making ornaments together- no experience or craft skills needed! Simply come, enjoy some holiday refreshments and a good time together!

### ***Christmas Eve Service Yard Signs***

Bayshore Christmas Eve Service lawn signs are available for your yard or window! It's a great way to share that all are welcome to our 6pm Christmas Eve Service. Take a photo of each sign you see around town, send it to Susie in the office, and we will post on Bayshore's social media pages every place we see #BBCinthewild this season!

### ***Advent Devotion Books***

The 2023-2024 Advent Devotion Books available in the lobby and narthex.

### ***Wednesday Night Activities***

Our usual Wednesday Night activities are on hold until January. Rev. Scarle's Bible Study class takes a break December 6th, but will otherwise be going strong on Zoom (Zoom Meeting ID: 818 2880 0368, Passcode: 242176) at 6:30pm every Wednesday!

### ***Christmas Toy Drive for Kingdom Kids***

We are collecting Barbie dolls, basketballs, footballs, Hot Wheel cars, etc., along with gift cards for our Mission Partners Kingdom Kids! They serve the 700 children at Robles Elementary. Deadline December 11th. Contact Laura Jones 813-787-4631.

