
BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



"The Magnificat" (Woodcut) by Sr. Mary Grace Thul

"A Song of Love"



WELCOME TO BAYSHORE

Prelude

Doug Brickett

Lullaby at the Manger
What Child Is This

Call to Worship

Julie Webb

#76 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 4)

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Graham, Brittney, Evan
& Ella Zoeller

Reader: The prophet Isaiah said: "Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel." The gospel of Matthew tells us that Joseph heard these words: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

ALL: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

Candle of Love is lighted.

Welcome & Collect

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

† Hymn

Congregation

#94 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Scripture Reading

Judy Richman

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 p. 301

Luke 1:46b-55 p. 1013

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the People

Rev. Victor Chesmore

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

† **Hymn**

Congregation

#109 Love Came Down at Christmas

Musical Reflection

Rev. Victor Chesmore

"What Child Is This?"

& Julie Webb

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

Children, Kindergarten – 5th grade, are dismissed for Children's Church.

† **Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace;
Praise God for gifts of Joy and love;
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell;
On Earth for us — Emmanuel! Amen!

(Sung to the tune on p. 253)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

"A Song of Love"

† **Hymn of Response**

Congregation

#103 Away in a Manger

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.

The Ordinance of Holy Communion

Rev. Sara Hunt-Felke

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

† **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

Fantasia on Adeste Fidelis

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

3 WAYS TO GIVE

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



Budget Snapshot as of 12/18/23

Budget Year to Date:	\$787,581.00
Giving Year to Date:	<u>\$704,960.00</u>
Amount Under Budget:	\$82,621.00
<i>Expenses as of 12/18/23</i>	\$716,437.00

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed December 25, 26 & 29 (Open Wed. 12/27).

End of Year Contributions

All 2023 contributions must be received by the end of worship Sunday, December 31st. If you need to drop off a contribution during one of those days, please contact Deb Alexander at 717-580-9814.

Christmas Eve Service Yard Signs

Thank you to everyone who put a Christmas Eve Service lawn sign in their yard! Remember save your sign! Bring it back to Bayshore to use next year.

Baptist Women in Ministry Movie Screening

Bayshore hosts a screening of "Midwives of a Movement," a documentary from Baptist Women in Ministry January 7th from 6-8pm. The movie chronicles the stories of the women who boldly sought greater opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Spiritual Spa—Save the Date!

Women of Bayshore, plan to join us for a day retreat on Saturday, February 3rd as we take time to learn, connect and grow together. Our prayer is that you will come away feeling refreshed mind, body and spirit. Mark your calendars now and be sure to invite your friends!

Offering Envelope Pick Up

If you ordered personalized offering envelopes, they are available for pick up by Susie's desk.

CBF Global Missions

CBF banks are ready for you to fill and return. We'll be collecting this offering through the end of 2023, highlighting it TONIGHT.

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