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# BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"The Birth of Jesus With Shepherds", JESUS MAFA (Cameroon 1973)*

“Mary and the Shepherds”

# WELCOME TO BAYSHORE

## Prelude

Doug Brickett

Christmas Medley, *arr. Albin C. Whitworth*

## Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

Once In Royal David's City (v. 4)

## Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Christine, Will and  
Hayes Hiler

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.*

## Global Missions

Jordan Rivait

## † Hymn

Congregation

#100 Angels We Have Heard on High

## The Baptism of Ainsley Boyles

Pastor: Hear the pledge of your family of faith:

**ALL:** We rejoice with you! We will pray for you!  
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus  
until the day when he shall bring us all home.

## Scripture Reading

Julie Webb

Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 686

Luke 2:15-20 p. 1014

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

**Meditation on The Shepherds**

Rev. Dr. Scott Stearman

† **Hymn**

Congregation

#78 Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Victor Chesmore

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

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

**Musical Reflection**

Julie Webb

"O Holy Night"

**Worship through Tithes & Offerings**

*Children, Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Meditation on Mary**

Rev. Chris Kravitz

† **Hymn of Response**

Congregation

#86 O Little Town of Bethlehem

*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. Victor Chesmore

**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

We Wish You a Merry Christmas,  
*arr. Dan Miller*

## 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 12/15/24

Budgeted Income:	\$819,043
Giving Year to Date:	\$673,209
Expenses as of 12/15/24	\$732,289

*Please join us on Christmas Eve at 6pm  
for our Christmas Eve Family Service.*

### **Thank you!**

Rosie Scott would like to thank her Bayshore family for the beautiful flowers and birthday greetings! She has been celebrating all week!

### **"Persecution an Peace Religious Freedom Symposium"**

Bayshore Baptist is proud and excited to host a symposium on Religious Freedom of ALL, January 11-12, 2025. The purpose of this symposium is to provide helpful information about what religious freedom means – both intellectually and ethically. We will learn about places where persecution is occurring. In a few cases, we will hear directly from those who have experienced this oppression. We will discuss the successful efforts to help governments and societies change course. To register your attendance or to learn more, click below: <https://bayshorebaptistchurch.com/latest-news/religious-freedom-event/>

### **Church Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25 & 26.

### **End of Year Contributions**

All 2024 contributions must be received at the Church Office by 5pm December 31st. If you need to drop off a contribution, please contact Deb Alexander at #717-580-9814.

### **CBF Global Missions**

The CBF Offering for Global Missions is intentionally intergenerational. The cardboard banks in the lobby and sanctuary are a great way for the entire family to engage. Take a bank and return it to Bayshore on or before Christmas Eve. As is our tradition, our Christmas Eve offering will go to CBF Global Missions, which 100% supports our 50 Field Personnel (Missionaries) presence in the field.

