

1879 "THE FORTY-THIRD YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2022

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

3310 E. COMMERCE STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78220

THE REV. DR. ROBERT L. JEMERSON, D. MIN., PASTOR

THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

**Only one life
It'll soon be past**

**Only what's done
For Christ will last!**



"God make this house of worship we have raised to Thee wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and the Father's care and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth that it may be no stumbling block to childhood weakness or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make this house of worship the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom."

ADVENT

A TIME OF ANTICIPATION

Advent, a period of four weeks before the Nativity, is observed in the Western Churches as a Season of Solemnity of Emotion and action, and a Great Time of Anticipation!

It became a general observance in the sixth century. Its four Sundays were believed to have been introduced into the calendar by Gregory the Great, and on these grounds, the Gospel readings were chosen for the four Sundays preceding the Birth of our Savior.



Traditionally, the candles represent
The number of weeks before the
Christmas celebration. They represent
FAITH, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, MERCY. The
Large Candle or “CHRIST CANDLE” reminds
us that Christ is the “LIVING LIGHT OF THE
WORLD.”

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . . ” (Isaiah 9:2).

Light is the most powerful symbol of the Advent season. For the four weeks before Christmas, the People of God wait in prayerful hope for the dawning of the Messiah, the Perfect Light to burn away the darkness of sin and alienation.

The first reference to Christmas as we know it is found in a Christian calendar of the fourth century. The feast of Jesus’ birth was celebrated by the early Christians of Rome on December 25, to coincide with the pagan feast of *Sol Invictus* “The Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.” It is believed that Pope Julius I adopted this pagan feast of the *Sun* to celebrate the birth of the *Son* of God.

The lights of Christmas trees and decorations should remind us that Christ is God’s light to the world, shattering the darkness of mistrust and misunderstanding.

In the midst of the shopping, decorating, cooking, writing Christmas cards, and other activities of the holiday season, the custom of the *Advent wreath* is an excellent way for families and communities to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective.

The *four candles* of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and the thousands of years that the People of God awaited the promised Messiah. The candles are *purple* in color, a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season (one of the candles may be rose for the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as “Gaudete Sunday” from the opening words of that Sunday’s liturgy: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”). Each week one candle is lit until all four are aglow on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The *round wreath* itself symbolizes the eternity of God and the Father’s presence throughout human history. *Evergreen* branches are often used in decorating the wreath, reminders of the eternal life of God in Christ.

Advent

Over hundreds of years, Advent has become a favorite custom for those who celebrate Christmas.

The circle of the wreath represents eternity, while the lighting of candles renews the journey towards hope, love, joy and peace in the world.



Candle Lighting Guide

for Advent

First Sunday

Angels' Candle

Angels appeared to Joseph and Mary, saying "do not be afraid." Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem, where she gave birth to her son, Jesus. This is the Son sent to the world to show God's love. That love still shines for us today. Knowing that the of Christ ends in suffering and our world is filled with pain and turmoil, we pause to marvel at Christ's birth and rejoice in God's glory. We have much for which to be thankful. Let us be joyful and sing with the angels in praise!

Second Sunday

Shepherds' Candle

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:12-14 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Third Sunday

Bethlehem Candle

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Fourth Sunday

Prophecy Candle

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land." Jeremiah 33:14-15

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Nicholas and Rev. Eunice Williams Family

The Shepherds' Candle

- Leader:** As we come together to worship, let us respond to the exhortation of John the Baptist; let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us prepare His way in our city. Let us prepare His way in our homes. Let us prepare His way in our lives. Come, let us prepare the way of the Lord!
- People:** As we prepare the way of the Lord, we pray that we may be able to remove the obstacles of selfishness and greed and that we may be able to allow the sacrificial spirit of the Savior to rule our lives. Amen
- All:** Our scripture for the Second Sunday of Advent was taken from the Gospel of Luke, the Second Chapter, verses eight through eighteen and it reads: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- Leader:** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

- Leader:** As we light the Second candle of the Advent wreath, our thoughts focus on the actions of The Shepherds regarding the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Congregation:** Oh, come, Oh come, Emmanuel now let all the heavens adore you, And saints and angels Sing before you. Let us dwell in grace and in truth victoriously. Your star is rising, and your light is come. Oh, come you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Amen



The Preparation for Worship “Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.”
Psalm 149:1-2

The Prelude**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

Mr. Oscar Ford, Organist

The Call To Worship and The Invocation

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**WORSHIP IN PRAISE*****The Opening Hymn of Praise****“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise. Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be, Hence evermore; Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

The Responsive Reading*Luke 1:45-55**

Rev. Keith Jackson

Minister:

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

People:

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

***The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the Beginning is now and ever shall be world with out end. Amen, Amen.

The Welcome

Mrs. Peggy Fuller

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION**The Silent Meditation and The Morning Prayer**

Rev. Dawarren Ennis

WORSHIP IN GIVING**The Offertory Sentence and Prayer**

Rev. Eunice Williams

The Offertory Music and Offering**The Bell Choir**

Mrs. Alice Powell Brown, President

***THE DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION**The Music of Preparation****“He Is The Gift”**

Mrs. Cristal Smith-Byrd, Soloist

The Sermon**“The Power Of Jesus’ Name”**

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

Text: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” Isaiah 9:6-7

The Invitation to Discipleship**“He Looked Beyond My Fault”**

Mrs. Cristal Smith-Byrd, Soloist

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

The Postlude**“Go Tell It On The Mountain”**

Mr. Oscar Ford, Organist

***Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Marian Olison and Wheatley Olison in the loss of their uncle and great uncle **Mr. Leon Howard**. The funeral service for Mr. Howard is pending.

Deacon Richmond Smith in the loss of his nephew **Mr. John Stanton**. The funeral service for Mr. Stanton will be held December 11, 2022 in San Francisco, California.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary today were given by **Mrs. Lillian Hunter** and **Mr. Ray** and **Mrs. Maxine Littlejohn** in loving memory of **Mr. James E. B. Hunter** who was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

DEC 3 Mrs. Patsy Lett, **DEC 5** Mr. Daniel Scott, **DEC 7** Mrs. Ernestine Handy, **DEC 8** Mr. Carl James, Mr. Charles McKinney, Mrs. Maudie Muraida, **DEC 9** Deacon Thomas Johnson, Mr. Jason Prewitt, **DEC 11** Miss Constance Davis, Ms. Loi Taylor, Mrs. Minnie Monroe, **DEC 12** Mrs. Elvern Nalls, Mr. Joe Blakey, Mr. Omar Nesbit, **DEC 13** Mr. Richard Matthews, **DEC 14** Mrs. Mary Odukoya, Mrs. Dana Cruz, Mr. Clement Bruce, **DEC 16** Deacon Archie Brown, **DEC 17** Mrs. Mattie Minor, Mrs. Carolyn Meadors, Ms. Yvonne Lewis, **DEC 20** Mrs. Lory Pope, **DEC 21** Jarett Dillard, Sayvon Frye, **DEC 24** Mrs. Virginia Smothers, **DEC 27** Mr. Robert Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Barefield, **DEC 29** Mrs. Vernice Seastrunk, **DEC 31** Mr. Kirk Brown, Kea Hudson

AFTER CHURCH COVID-19 BOOSTER AND FLU SHOT CLINIC

Reminder: Today, December 4th, 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. A vaccine Clinic will be conducted in the Second Baptist Church Community Center following Worship Services. Covid-19 Boosters and Flu Vaccines will be available. HIVAIDS testing will also be available and \$25.00 gift certificates will be offered to individuals who receive the HIVAIDS test. Clients are asked to wear a mask and bring their shot records.

BLUE SANTA TOY DRIVE

Thank you for your assistance in helping to make this District 2 Toy Drive a success and putting Second Baptist Church in the forefront with the Blue Santa initiative. Please place the toys in the boxes in the Narthex before December 9, 2022. If anyone is aware of a needy family, please contact me (Dr. Eva Mason) by calling (210) 648-2289 to expedite an application.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND GOSPEL GALA. THE GOSPEL GALA: DECEMBER 9, 2022, 6:30 P. M. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER. The 143RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, DECEMBER 11, 2022, 11:00 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE. Members and friends are asked to contribute \$30.00 for the meal and entertainment. Please place your contribution in your church envelope or in an envelope in the church pew.

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY GOSPEL GALA

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Sunday, December 11, 2022
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