

First Baptist Church of Springfield

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Morning

December 25, 2011

10:30 am

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Prelude Music

Fantasy on "Carol of the Bells"
Chris Kang, Piano - Connie Jenkins, Organ

Arr. Wilkinson

***We Greet One Another In Christian Fellowship**

Jim Weaver

***A Chorus of Fellowship:**

"How Great Our Joy"
While by the sheep we watched at night
Glad tidings brought an angel bright
How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high)

#108

***Prayer of Invocation**

Hammond Coates

***A Carol Medley:**

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.

#106

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

#89

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

#101

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger:
Such a Babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth; wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him:
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

The Reading of Scripture:

Responsive Reading #75

Hammond Coates

Worship In Song:

"The First Noel"
Sly Samudre, Soloist

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:**

#96

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow; and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened the heaven's door, and man is blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

***Offertory Prayer**

Jim Lee, Deacon

Worship In Song: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" Arr. Tom Fettke
Chris and Janette Moman, Duet

The Message: "Good News of Great Joy" Jim Weaver
Luke 2:1-14

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Jim Weaver

***Invitation Hymn:**

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #98

I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth good will to men

I thought how as the day had come the belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song of peace on earth good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head there is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep God is not dead nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fall the right prevail with peace on earth good will to men.

Till, ringing, singing, on its way the world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth good will to men.

***Prayer of Benediction** Jim Weaver

***Congregational Benediction** "The First Nowell" #85
(Chorus only)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

***Postlude Music**

*Congregation Standing