CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE. AND YOU.

Hayes Barton Baptist Church
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE  DECEMBER 24, 2017

PRELUDE MUSIC
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing .......................................................... arr. Chris Rice
Lucy Austin, Piano

WELCOME AND INVOCATION
David Hailey

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, 103
O Come, All Ye Faithful .......................................................... Adeste Fideles

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
John, Melissa, Emily, and Johnny Dougher

*RESPONSIVE LITANY AND PRAYER
Leader: God, You spoke through Your prophet Jeremiah, saying...
People: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."
Leader: Tonight we celebrate the coming of our Messiah, Jesus, Emmanuel, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords...
People: The Prince of Peace, the Everlasting God, the One who was promised.
Leader: We turn our eyes to Bethlehem, to the manger scene, and imagine how this coming child will impact our lives.
People: Let us encounter the Christ-child with wonder and awe, opening ourselves up to God’s love.
Leader: Lord, we ask for Your help never to forget the amazing mystery of the Christmas story.
People: Teach us to love like You love us and to share Your love this Christmas and all year long.
ALL: Help us to be people filled with Your peace, hope, light, and love. Amen.

SHARING CHRISTMAS STORIES
Emily Patton and Reagan Chapman

THE CHRISTMAS STORY
Lillian Alford, Bryce Holland, and Thomas Kittler

O Little Town of Bethlehem .......................................................... ST. LOUIS
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!
Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Refrain

The First Nowell

And by the light of that same star
the wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

IMAGINE - BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO JESUS

Sarah Mears
VOCAL MEDITATION

I Wonder As I Wander................................................................. John Jacob Niles
Rylee Muse

*BENEDICTION

Sarah Mears

*PASSING THE LIGHT

Following the prayer, please light your glow stick, and hold them high as we sing together.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, 102

Joy to the World (Stanza 1).............................................................Antioch

Thank you for joining our Family Christmas Eve Service.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Lucy Austin for being our pianist tonight.
David Hailey for leading our music.
The Hellwig family for greeting and passing out bulletins.
John, Melissa, Emily and Johnny Dougher for lighting the Christ Candle.

Thank you to Rachel Lambert and Spence Youngs
for playing Mary and Joseph and to the rest of the children
for playing the characters in our Christmas story!

We ask all young angels, shepherds, and wise men
to return their costumes to the boxes in the Narthex.
Thank you!

All families are invited to come outside and see the animals used in the
Living Nativity following the service.

We invite you to join us again this evening for our
Christmas Eve Communion Service in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM,
and to view our Living Nativity from 7-9 PM.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING
Please be part of showing the world Jesus through our Christmas Missions offering this year. The Christmas Missions offering is an opportunity to bless the world through giving. You can designate your gifts to HBBC Missions, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, CBF Global Missions, or a combination of the three. Give using one of the Christmas Missions Offering envelopes or online at www.hbbc.org/give and choosing the fund you would like to apply your gift to. Help us reach our goal of $25,000. So far, HBBC has given $17,585 to the Christmas Missions Offering this year.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE IN 2017
Please remember that December 31 is the last Sunday of 2017
• The Finance office will be open December 28 and 29 if you plan to hand deliver your gift.
• If you plan to mail your gift, it must be postmarked on or before 12/29/2017.
• If you plan to give online, a gift can be made until a few minutes before midnight on 12/31/2017.
Thank you for giving to support the ministries of HBBC.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: DECEMBER 31, 2017
Families with children ages 3 and up are invited to join us for a special Family Sunday School on Sunday, December 31. We will meet at 9:45 in the Hailey classroom for an intergenerational lesson featuring games, activities, and Bible study. A light breakfast will also be served. We hope to see your family there!

FAMILY NIGHT IS BACK!
Family Night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 3 with missions for preschoolers and electives for grade school children. Dinner will be served at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by open gym time at 5:30. All activities start at 6:15. We hope your family will join us as we kick off a new year!

GRADE SCHOOL ICE SKATING PARTY: JANUARY 15, 2018
School’s out...let’s play! All grade school children, first-fifth grade, are invited to join us for lunch and ice skating on Monday, January 15. We will meet at the church at 9:30. The cost is $20/child. Please RSVP to Sarah Mears at smears@hbbc.org if your child would like to attend.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP REGISTRATION
Summer Arts Camp is back! Mark your calendars for another awesome week of camp June 18-22. All children, ages 3-5th grade, are invited to join us for a week of Bible Study, games, and exploring the arts! Registration will open in February. Look for more details at www.hbbc.org/hbbckids coming soon!

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE’S BREAKFAST
All preschoolers (kindergarten and under) and their parents are invited to join us for a special Valentine’s Day celebration on Sunday, February 11 during Sunday School. We will have breakfast, crafts, games, and activities for parents and children to enjoy together. Hope to see you there!

WAY OF THE CHILD STUDY
During the season of Lent, our 3rd-5th graders are invited to participate in a special study on Sunday afternoons. The Way of the Child walks through the events leading up to Jesus’ death and resurrection and uses different mediums such as prayer, journaling, and art to help children connect with God in a meaningful way. Please contact Sarah at smears@hbbc.org if your child would like to participate.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC REGISTRATION OPEN
Registration has opened for Spring 2018 School of Music lessons. Lessons are available for piano, guitar, voice, flute, oboe, brass and more. To find out more about School of Music, or to register, go to www.hbbc.org/schoolofmusic.

TO GIVE ONLINE
If you are interested in giving online, you may scan the QR code to the left or go to www.hbbc.org/give.