FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John

Portraits of the King
**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

*Isaiah 40:3-5, NRSV*

**PRELUDE**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* .................................................. arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Jackson Glover, Organ
Lisa Moxley, Piano

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

David Hailey

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*More Precious Than Silver* ............................................................. Lynn DeShazo
Chancel Choir

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE**

Tyler and Ashley Ingram

**RESPONSIVE LITANY**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: In him is life, and the life is the light of all people.
Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming of Christ into our world.
People: He is the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of the law and prophets.
Leader: He is our eternal sacrifice who died for our sins.
People: He is the King of kings and Lord of lords.
Leader: His kingdom is everlasting.
People: And his love is forever.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER**

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.
**ADVENT PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

King of glory, we long for your coming. Open our eyes to your presence. Enlarge our hearts with your love. Guide our steps by your grace. And fill our lips with your praise. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. We wait for you expectantly with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

**HYMN OF HOPE, NO. 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus........................................................................HYFRYDOL

(Children come down on the final stanza for children’s sermon.)

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Sarah Mears

(Children leave for Children’s Worship.)

**HYMN OF PETITION, NO. 79**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel .................................................................VENI EMMANUEL

**PRESENTATION OF JOHN’S GOSPEL AND BANNER**

**SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER**

John 1:1-5, 14-18, NRSV

(Page 862 in the Pew Bibles)

Kristen Muse

**CHORAL PRAISE**

Every Valley ............................................................................................................................Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

**SERMON**

Prepare for Glory

David Hailey

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT, NO. 87**

Arise, Your Light Has Come.............................................................................FESTAL SONG

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Tom Bodkin

**OFFERTORY**

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming.................................................................arr. Mark Hayes

Lisa Moxley, Piano

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!........................................................................arr. Mary McDonald

*Those who are able may stand with ministers and choir.
**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**
- **9:45 AM** Sunday School
- **9:45 AM** Youth Ministry Volunteer Training (Rm. 106)
- **11:00 AM** Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- **11:00 AM** Children’s Worship (Rm. 11)
- **11:15 AM** Grace Church for All Nations (Chapel)
- **5:00 PM** Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
- **6:00 PM** Hanging of the Greens Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**
- **9:00 AM** Fit Over Fifty (FLC-Gym)
- **2:00 PM** Staff Meeting (Rm. 206)
- **5:30 PM** Evening Fitness (FLC-Gym)
- **6:30 PM** Cub Scout Den Meeting (Rm. 213)
- **6:30 PM** Freshman Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)
- **7:30 PM** Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Rm. 24)
- **8:00 PM** HBBC Members’ Fellowship Basketball Night (FLC-Gym)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**
- **10:00 AM** Painting with Lorraine (FLC-Rm. 201)
- **10:00 AM** Senior Game Day (FLC-Rm. 206)
- **12:30 PM** AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
- **1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 101)
- **1:15 PM** Senior Singers (Rm. 118)
- **5:30 PM** Stewardship Committee (Rm. 106)
- **6:00 PM** Junior Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)
- **6:00 PM** Girl Scout Troops Meeting (Rm. 213)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**
- **9:00 AM** Fit Over Fifty (FLC-Gym)
- **5:00 PM** Family Night Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- **5:00 PM** Baptist Women Ornament Sale
- **5:30 PM** Youth Bells (Rm. 10)
- **5:30 PM** Recreation with Kids (FLC-Gym)
- **6:15 PM** Family Christmas Party (FLC-Rm. 201)
- **6:15 PM** Chrinson Creations (Rm. 106)
- **6:15 PM** Lectio Divina (Rm. 200)
- **6:15 PM** Lessons from Mayberry (Fellowship Hall)
- **6:15 PM** The Stories Behind the Music (Rm. 204)
- **7:15 PM** Chancel Choir Express (Rm. 118)
- **7:15 PM** Chancel Choir (Rm. 118)
- **7:30 PM** Wednesday Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**
- **8:30 AM** Bridge (FLC-Rm. 206)
- **12:30 PM** AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
- **5:30 PM** Evening Fitness (FLC-Gym)
- **5:30 PM** Step-Up Ministry Alumni Program (FLC-Rm. 201)
- **6:30 PM** Pickleball (FLC-Gym)
- **6:30 PM** Scout District Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- **8:00 PM** Senior Boys Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**
- **9:30 AM** CPR/AED Class (Rm. 206)
- **4:30 PM** BBQ Proper Food Truck (Parking Lot)
- **6:30 PM** Freshman Basketball Game (FLC-Gym)
- **6:30 PM** Junior Basketball Game (FLC-Gym)
WELCOME VISITORS
We are honored by your presence this morning. We would love for you to record your attendance on the Friendship Pad when it is passed to you and provide information so that we can contact you further.

ENTER TO WORSHIP
This is a holy hour. We invite you to enter this sanctuary with joy and reverence. We invite members and visitors to be seated near the front of the sanctuary to enhance our sense of community in worship. When you have taken your seat, spend a few moments in quiet reflection as you prepare your heart for worship. If the service has already begun, please enter quietly by one of the side aisles. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

RESOURCES FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENT
Hearing assistance devices are available for those who have such need. Please see an usher for more information.

BECOME A MEMBER OF HBBC
Those who desire to join our church may come forward to where the pastor is standing during the Hymn of Commitment. If you would like to meet with a minister before making this decision, any of our ministers would be happy to answer your questions.

FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP
Extended Session: Childcare is provided for birth-5 year olds during worship. Children ages 4-5 visit the Sanctuary briefly for the Children’s Sermon.
Children's Worship: For 1st-5th graders, 1st & 3rd Sundays during the school year. (Children leave at the designated time during worship and are picked up in Room 11 following worship).
Worship Bags: Worship bags are available at all of the entrances to the Sanctuary to encourage children to participate in worship. Please return them as you leave worship.

ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL
On Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM, we provide classes for all ages to enjoy Bible study and fellowship. Call the church office for more information.

TODAY’S EXTENDED SESSION HELPERS
Assistant: Ryan Adams; Infants: Betsy Patterson, Marie Abee, Maggie Gordon, Vivian Hughes, Haley Day; Ones: Cathy Howard, Molly Lindsay; Twos: Kate Hall, Bobby Hall; Threes: Jessica Adams, Kim Ray; Fours: Kristen Minshew, Sarah Mears; Kindergarten: Adam Holland, Lindsay Holland

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ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP
Today marks the beginning of Advent. In this season of hope we look to the past and to the future as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our theme for this year is “Portraits of the King.” Each Sunday we will introduce a new banner that reflects the unique portrait of Jesus depicted in one of the four Gospels. Today’s banner features an eagle, which is the ancient symbol for the Gospel of John.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE**
This year Hayes Barton is offering Advent devotional books to help guide you through the Advent season. They will focus on our new Advent banners and theme, Portraits of the King. Make sure to pick yours up today. They are written to help you prepare for the upcoming worship service each week. It’s not too late to get started on our Advent journey.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**
Join us tonight at 5:00 PM for our traditional “Greening of the Sanctuary” led by our music ministry. Celebrate the majesty of the Advent season with us as we prepare our hearts and our sanctuary for the birth of Christ.

**LAST DAY TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS**
Each Christmas we beautify our Sanctuary with poinsettias. You and your family may give one in memory or honor of a loved one or someone who is meaningful to you. Your gift helps defray the cost of the sanctuary poinsettias and of those taken to members served by the home visitation ministry. The poinsettias cost $12 each. A list of donors will be published. Order online at http://www.hbbc.org/poinsettias2018/ or turn in your form with a check (made out to HBBC). The deadline for submitting orders is today.

**ANGEL TREE**
We still have a few angels that need to be taken from our Angel Tree. Help us continue to spread God’s love this Christmas season with those in our community by taking an angel and purchasing the item listed. Also, if you’ve already taken an angel, make sure to return your item by the due date. We look forward to seeing the angels fly away and return in these next few weeks.

**CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING**
Please help us show 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.

**CHANCEL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA WORSHIP**
Join us for worship on Sunday, December 16 at 11:00 AM for a Hayes Barton Baptist Church Christmas Event featuring choral music, congregational carols, and the symphonic sounds of Christmas. Participants will be invited to reflect on the “Portrait of a King” -- a new kind of king that changes the world, trades his royal robe for rags, and wears a crown of thorns upon His brow.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE**
The Baptist Women will begin their 19th annual Christmas ornament sale next Wednesday, December 5th. They will be at a table outside the fellowship hall from 5:00-7:30 PM. All proceeds go to the HBBC Christmas Offerings. Prices are $3 for one and $2.50 for 2 or more. These make great gifts or package tie ons.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**
All families with children are invited to join us for a special Christmas celebration this Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 PM in the youth space as we journey to Bethlehem. Join us as we explore the wonders of the Christmas story. Families are encouraged to RSVP online at www.hbbc.org/family-christmas-party or by emailing Sarah Mears at smears@hbbc.org.

**INTERGENERATIONAL NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS DINNER**
Your entire family is invited to a special edition of our Family Night gathering on Wednesday, December 12. Following dinner, which we’ll start serving at 5:00 PM and will feature beef tenderloin, we will enjoy a festive and intergenerational time of fellowship, music and fun.

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC WINTER RECITAL**
Please join our students and faculty for a short musical program highlighting our students’ progress during the fall semester! Traditional and Christmas music will be performed on Saturday, December 8 at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall with a reception following.

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**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.