



First Baptist

A B I L E N E

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The world is about to change and will never be the same again in the coming of this child. He comes not as a Superhero, but as the suffering servant that will take away our sins. He comes not with a cape, but a simple towel to show us what it means to be a servant. He comes not to accept a trophy, but to enter into our trials. As we prepare for worship, how has God's coming in Jesus Christ changed your life?

The Worship of God

December 18, 2011

Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Camron Cummings
Chiming of the Hour		
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Todd, Lane, Halden & Sloane Ross	
Congregational Call to Worship		Congregation
	<i>Joy to the World!</i> (Celebration Hymnal #270) <i>The First Noel</i> (Celebration Hymnal #265)	
Prayer and Welcome		Todd Wilson
	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	
Mission Moment with the Smiths	Phil Christopher and Mike Greenfield	
Songs of Our Worship		Congregation
	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> (Celebration Hymnal #277) <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> (Celebration Hymnal #278)	
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	Luke 2:1-7	Bob Bein
	Reader: This is the Word of the Lord Congregation: Thanks be to God	
Offertory Prayer		Evan Harris
Offertory	<i>Christmas Hymn</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message from God's Word	Is There Room?	Phil Christopher
Invitation	<i>Thou Did'st Leave Thy Throne</i> (Celebration Hymnal #292)	Congregation
Continuing Acts of Worship		Mike Greenfield
Recognition of Decisions		C. V. Blake
Benediction	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Congregation
Postlude		Camron Cummings

Musicians: Beverly Warren—piano, Camron Cummings—organ

The flowers today are given by Barbara Darnall in loving memory of her husband, Joe Darnall.