



First Baptist

A B I L E N E

Merry Christmas on the Lord's Day

What a gift for Christmas Day to occur on Sunday, the Lord's Day. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, "Emmanuel – God with us" we remember today why he came to earth. Each Sunday, we gather to give thanks for his resurrection on that Easter Sunday when the stone was rolled away defeating death and despair. As we come to gather around the manger and adore Him on Christmas Day, we also celebrate that He came to give us new life and that no situation would ever again be hopeless. On this special Sunday, we adore Him at the manger and stand in awe at the open tomb. So today on Christmas, what present do you bring to the Christ child as an expression of your adoration? What can we give Him? As we consider that one day this child will give His life for us as the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world" and will be triumphantly raised by the power of God – what is keeping us from both the joy of Christmas and the abundant life of His resurrection?

The Worship of God

December 25, 2011

Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.

Prelude		Camron Cummings
Chiming of the Hour		
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	<i>Luke 2:8-12</i>	Sandy McGraw
Song of Our Worship	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (Celebration Hymnal #262)	Congregation
God's Eternal Word for Us Today	<i>Luke 2:13-20</i>	Sandy McGraw
Song of Our Worship	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> (Celebration Hymnal #249)	Congregation
Prayer and Welcome		C. V. Blake
	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	
The Difference Jesus Makes in My Life		
Trio	<i>Glory to God in the Highest</i>	Palmer McCown, Todd Wilson & Leland Harden
The Difference Jesus Makes in My Life		
Songs of Our Worship		Congregation
	<i>The Birthday of a King</i> (Celebration Hymnal #284)	
Offertory Prayer		Larry McGraw
Offertory		Verity Harden
Message from God's Word	The Good News and Joy of Christmas Just Keeps Getting Better and Better!	Phil Christopher
Song of Our Response	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (Celebration Hymnal #262)	Congregation
Benediction	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	Congregation
Postlude		Camron Cummings

Musicians: Beverly Warren—piano, Camron Cummings—organ