

DECEMBER 28, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 608
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Cathy Spence

Go! Tell it on the Mountain
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

While shepherds kept their watching; o'er wand'ring flock by night;
behold from out the heavens, there shone a holy light.

***Refrain:* Go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills an' everywhere; go, tell
it on the mountain our Jesus Christ is born.**

And lo! when they had seen it, they all bowed down and prayed; they
travel'd on together, to where the Babe was laid. *Refrain*

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Chris Farley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: We are here because we have heard a promise of peace, and we
have faith its day will come.

**People: We have heard a rumor of justice, and we have faith its day
will come.**

Leader: We have heard a whisper of hope, and we have faith its day will
come.

**People: We have heard a hint of love, and we have faith its day will
come.**

Leader: We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child, and we have
faith his day is here.

**People: Welcome to Christmas! Welcome to worship! O come, let us
adore him!**

— written by Cheryl Lawrie, on her blog [hold this space]
<http://holdthisspace.org.au/>

***Carol of Worship No. 126**

Angels From the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

Congregation

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

Mark Rector

Solo Message

Chris Farley

Gesu Bambino
by Pietro Yon

When blossoms flower amid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang. The shepherds sang. The grateful earth rejoiced. And at his blessed birth, the stars their exultation voiced.

O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell! From paradise to earth, he came that we with him might dwell.

O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Mark Rector

Offertory Reading and Prayer

Joe Daniel

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

***We Present Our Offerings to God**

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Wendy in the Narthex to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Wendy in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Away in a Manger
arr. Mack Wilberg
Melissa Whetstone, flute

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head. The stars in the bright 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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Affirmation of Faith

Joe Daniel

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

Mark Rector

“Christ Is Here!”
John 1:1-18
pg. 750 (pew Bible)

*Hymn of Response No. 140

Congregation

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us
HARLAN

*Closing Words

Mark Rector

*Choral Response

Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Prayer: Hope, Walk, and Tell
words by Matt Rich
music by Kely Hatley

Almighty God, who has come to us and made our darkness light; send us forth to hope in thee, to walk with thee, to tell of thee for now thy light reveals the day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Debbie Smith

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729
by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. See a greeter for assistance.