

*First Baptist Church  
of Wollaston  
December 12, 2021*



**Prelude**

*(Please meditate quietly during the prelude)*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome, Ministry Highlights**

Join us in person at 81 Prospect Ave, Wollaston at 10:30am Service

Join us on Zoom (Sunday 10:30)

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**Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy: Stacey Dooley**

**Call to Worship in unison:**

Loving Father, Help us today to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Help us to celebrate this wonderful day by celebrating Jesus- In Jesus name. AMEN

**Hymn of Praise: Blue Hymnal #173 “O’ Come All Ye Faithful” vs. 1, 3, &4**

<p><b>1.</b> O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels.</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</p>	<p><b>3.</b> Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest:</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</p>	<p><b>4.</b> Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</p>
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## Invocation and Lord's Prayer

### Gloria Patri

### Peace of Christ

#### **Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1: 18-25 (Jeff)**

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[d]</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[e]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[f]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"<sup>[g]</sup> (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### Offertory

(Please place your tithes and offerings in the plate in front of the church. Thank you.)

### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Joys & Concerns

Let us please keep our Pulpit Search Committee in our prayers as well as our church leaders.  
And all those who have been affected by the Pandemic

### **Pastor's Prayer**

#### **Hymn of Preparation: Blue Book #155 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

1. 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.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.      Next page>>>>

<p><b>3.</b> How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.</p>	<p><b>4.</b> O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!</p>
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**Scripture: Isaiah 9:6**

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Story: "The First Christmas Night" by Keith Christopher**  
**Read by Stacy Dooley and our little Mary - Isabelle Monstur**

**Solo: "Away in the Manger" sung by Meira Baliton**

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**Sermon: Is Jesus Santa?**

**Pastor Bill**

**Scripture: I John 3:1-3**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, <sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Parting Hymn: Blue Book #146 "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2, & 4**

<p><b>1.</b> Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.</p>	<p><b>2.</b> Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p>	<p><b>4.</b> He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.</p>
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

# Happenings on the Hill!



## Sermon Schedule

December 2021		Scripture Lesson	Reader	
12/5	<i>Prince of Peace</i>	Pastor Bill	John 14:25-27	Joyce
12/12	<i>Children's Service</i>	Stacey Dooley	Isaiah 9:6	Jeff
12/19		Pastor Bill		
12/24	<i>No Evening Service</i>			
12/26		Pastor Bill		

- **Weekly Online Schedule:**

Sun	10:30 am	Sunday Worship (link above)
Thu	6:30 pm	Thursday Bible Class – Revelation
Fri	11:00 am	Prayer Group Meeting

### Zoom Link for Bible study & Prayer Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83423063965?pwd=citBSUYyQmNyLytlOTc5L0hTUmxCUT09>

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