

*First Baptist Church
of Wollaston
December 12, 2021*



Prelude

(Please meditate quietly during the prelude)

Brahms

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 Love: Beverly Moulton

Call to Worship in unison:

Father, thank you for your undeserved love that envelopes us and saves us, that fills us with your Spirit, and includes us in the momentous plans of your Kingdom. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Hymn of Praise: Blue Hymnal #171 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

<p>1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"</p>	<p>2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"</p>	<p>3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"</p>
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Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri

Peace of Christ

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-12 (Lewann)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Offertory

Musical Selection

Ralph Fisher

(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 friends and neighbors in our hearts this Christmas Season.

Pastor's Prayer

Hymn of Preparation: Blue Book #150 "What Child is This?" vs. 1 & 3

1. What Child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby;
JOY, JOY FOR Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Sermon: The Cradle and the Cross

Pastor Bill

Text: Luke 2:13-20

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Parting Hymn: Blue Book #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High" 1, 2 & 3

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.	2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.	3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.
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Benediction

Postlude

Ralph Fisher

Please stay for the coffee hour today in the chapel.

Service next week:

After Christmas, on the Sunday, December 26th, we will have an especially fun time. Pastor's Bill and Dee Swilling will lead us in understanding the historical background to "The 12 Days of Christmas" song. After the teaching, we will enjoy singing it together.

Also, please get all pledge cards in A.S.A.P.

Thanks ☺

Happenings on the Hill!

The Official Call for the 2021 Annual Meeting: In accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the By-Laws, I hereby present the call for the 150th Annual Meeting of The First Baptist Church of Wollaston, Wollaston, Massachusetts, to be held at the Church in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 12:30pm. The business of the meeting shall be to hear and act upon Reports of the Church Officers and Committees; make appropriations for the year 2022; elect Officers of the Church and Members of the Church Council, and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
Lewann E. Mina, Church Clerk

***Please get all reports for the Annual meeting to the office by
no later than January 14th, 2022. Thank you!***

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	<i>The Cradle to the Cross</i>	Pastor Bill	Luke 2:1-20	
12/24	<i>No Evening Service</i>			
12/26	<i>12 Days of Christmas</i>	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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