

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!

Refrain

**O come, let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Choir Only

Come adore Him! Worship Christ the Lord!

*SENDING FORTH

Courtney Hutchins
Downtown Children's Director

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World
Brass Ensemble

arr. Lloyd Larson

* Please stand, as you are able.

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Trumpet
Theresa Hanebury
Jason Adams

Trombone
Mark Holley
Brian Logan

Tuba
Mark Barton

Horn
Nancy Goodearl

Percussion
Christina Carroll
Karen Slotter

ACOLYTES

8:45: Amanda Corbett and Robert Douglas
11:00: Brooklyn Newman

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CLERGY ON CALL

If you need to speak with a pastor, please call 832.668.1800 and select option 7. Your call will be returned promptly.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND HEALING

Join us in Bintliff Chapel at 12:15 p.m. for this intimate prayer service.

- Assisted Listening Devices are available from the sound console.
- iPads, tablets and cell phones are welcome! Take notes and text points from the message to your friends. Just put your device on "silent."

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for joining us in worship today.
We are glad you're here!

We invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary after worship to meet some of our staff.

VISITING WITH INFANTS? The Nursery is located on the 1st Floor with excellent, loving care for infants to Kindergarten. The Baby Soothing Room is located just inside the Main Street entrance to the Sanctuary. Room 101 in the First Floor nursery is available for nursing moms.

Kids Church is held for children in 1st - 4th Grade in the 2nd Floor gathering area and for 5th - 6th Grade in Room 214 during the 11:00 am worship service. Kids Church does not meet on the first Sunday of the month so that families can receive Communion together.

To learn more about our Small Group Ministry please contact Ken Coneby, kconey@fmhouston.com or 281.773.3195.

To get connected with our Young Adult Ministry please contact Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie Hankins, kbowie@fmhouston.com or 281.838.2133, or Ken Coneby, kconey@fmhouston.com or 281.773.3195.

If you are going through a hard time, you never have to go through it alone. Call the Stephen Ministry line at 713.458.4709, leave a message, and a Stephen leader will call you back.




SUNDAYS

- Worship: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:11 am
- Sunday Bible Studies for all ages: 9:50 am
- ESL (Room LL-9): 9:00 am
- Communion & Healing (Bintliff Chapel): 12:05 pm

WATCH US ON TV

We are on live television Sundays at 11:00 am on KUBE-TV, channel 53 (Comcast) and channel 653 (Comcast HD). Dish and DirectTV subscribers will find us on channel 57. Channel 13 (KTRK) broadcasts our service at 5:00 am, delayed by one week. Our radio program, First Methodist Today, is broadcast on KHCB (105.7 FM) at 8:00 pm every Sunday. The service is also available through live streaming at www.fmhouston.com/live-streaming.

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MORNING WORSHIP
December 11, 2016
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Improvisation on* Franklin D. Ashdown
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 Jay Whatley, Organist

INTROIT *Song of the Angels* arr. Mark Hayes
 Brass Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir
 Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Music
*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
*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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

THE GATHERING Rev. Andy Nixon

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Heather Williams
Head of School, Wesley Academy

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *Candle of Joy* Rev. Ann Spears
 8:45 Maddux Family
 11:00 Harkins Family

*GREETING

*HYMN *Festival First Nowell* arr. Dan Forrest
**The first Nowell the angels did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep:**

Refrain
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
 Shining in the east beyond them far;
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night.**

Repeat Refrain

**Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
 That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
 And with His blood mankind hath bought;**

Repeat Refrain

*APOSTLES' CREED Rev. John Onstott
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and
 in Jesus Christ his only 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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
 Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI #70
**Glory be to the Father
 And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Brandi Horton

THE WORD IN SONG *Personent Hodie* arr. Mark Hayes
 Sanctuary Choir
*Personent hodie voces puerulae, laudates iucunde
 Qui nobis est natus, summo Deo datus.
 Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!
 On this day, children sing, full of joy, earth shall ring.
 Love has come to everything. Sing we alleluia!
 Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria!
 Lift your voice, sing noel. Let the glad tidings swell.
 Strike the harp, ring the bell, Glory in the highest!
 Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE
 Revelation 19:11-16 Page 243. N.T. Pew Bible
This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Rev. Andy Nixon
**His Name Is:
 King of Kings**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Victor Johnson
**Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for His bed;
 Mary, loving mother mild,
 Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And His shelter was a stable,
 And His cradle was a stall;
 With the poor the mean and lowly,
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us He grew;
 He was little, weak and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us He knew;
 And He feels for all our sadness,
 And He shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him
 Through His own redeeming love,
 For that Child, so dear and gentle,
 Is our Lord in heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To that place where He is gone.**

*FAITHFUL GIVING Kristen Jones
Director of Ministries

THE WORD IN SONG *Unto Us a Son Is Born* arr. Trevor Manor
 Sanctuary Choir
*Unto us a Son is born; "Welcome, holy Stranger!"
 Let us go this happy morn and see Him in the manger.
 How can He be born on earth yet Lord of all creation?
 Still the oxen know His worth and kneel in adoration!
 'Round the stable angels sing, and shepherds thrill to hear it!
 Mary treasures all these things within a humble spirit.
 When this Child becomes a man He'll teach and heal the nation,
 Then fulfill His Father's plan, to die for our salvation.
 Though He bears our sin and strife, now hear the gospel story:
 Christ shall rise again to life, and lead us up to glory!
 Alpha and Omega He! All heaven and earth rejoices!
 Let us sing out merrily and join the angel voices!
 Unto us a Son is born!*

INVITATION Rev. Andy Nixon

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Brad Nix
 Choir Only
*O come, ye faithful!
 O come and worship Him!
 O come and worship Christ the Lord!*

**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!**

Refrain
**O come, let us adore Him!
 O come let us adore Him!
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord!**