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WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the Sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery. An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

Clergy of the Week: Glenn & Susan Eernisse (glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org) or (susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

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If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

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Grace discovered.
Traditions renewed.

Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate during the service. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.

“Love All”

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024 | 11:00 AM

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December 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM**

First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Gathering Music

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hannah Bradley, Organ
Evanovich

Meditation of Preparation

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase
away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.
-Ron & Carol Harris

Chiming of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

Lift up your hearts.
Rev. Mark Green
We lift them to the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise No. 103**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4
Wade

***Invocation, Welcome &
Opportunities to Serve**

Rev. Dr. Tony Lankford

Hymn No. 147

Love Came Down at Christmas
Rosetti

The Candle of Love

The Hartness Family
(Russell, Lane, Haley Grace, Lyla
Kate & Anna James; Eddie & Ann)
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Congregational Response No. 80

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
Edwards

Music Meditation

What Songs Were Sung
Hannah Bradley, Solo
Niles

**Prayer to Love All & The Lord's
Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Rev. Kellie Denton

***Offertory Hymn No. 150**

As With Gladness Men of Old
Stanzas 1 & 3
Dix

Offertory Prayer

Chris Clement

Offertory Praise

Go Tell It On the Mountain
Glenn Eernisse, Trombone Solo
arr. Hayes

**The Doxology No. 706 (to the
tune of The First Nowell)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

(Children K through 5th grades are invited to Children's Church in Room 108)

Children's Prayer

Christopher Simonton

Choral Worship

O Come, All You Unfaithful
Sanctuary Choir; Brooke Morters and Randy Eakins; Soloists
arr. Sorrenson

Sermon

"Love All"
Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta
(Mark 12:28-34; Pew Bible No. 1575)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

***Hymn of Response**

Love Has Come
Stanzas 1 & 3
Bible
Love has come a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
Love has come he never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us;
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love!
Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shoulta

Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Hannah Bradley, Organ
Behnke

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Jerry and Nancy Collins for their 60th Anniversary on
December 20th given by their daughters and family.*