

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus. Matthew 2:1-12
Kristen Mathis, Minister of Faith Development, reader

Carol "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

A Christmas Reflection Rev. Brooks
"God's Best Gift"

The Passing of the Christmas Light

Women: In the quiet of the night a woman gives birth: A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon her.

**Men: In the quiet of the night a husband becomes a father: A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon him.**

All: In the quiet of the night a baby breathes the air for the first time:
A personal act of sacrifice;
God steps out of the divine into the mundane. . .for us.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

The Lord's Prayer (*Please extinguish candles following the 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.

Pastoral Blessing

Benediction

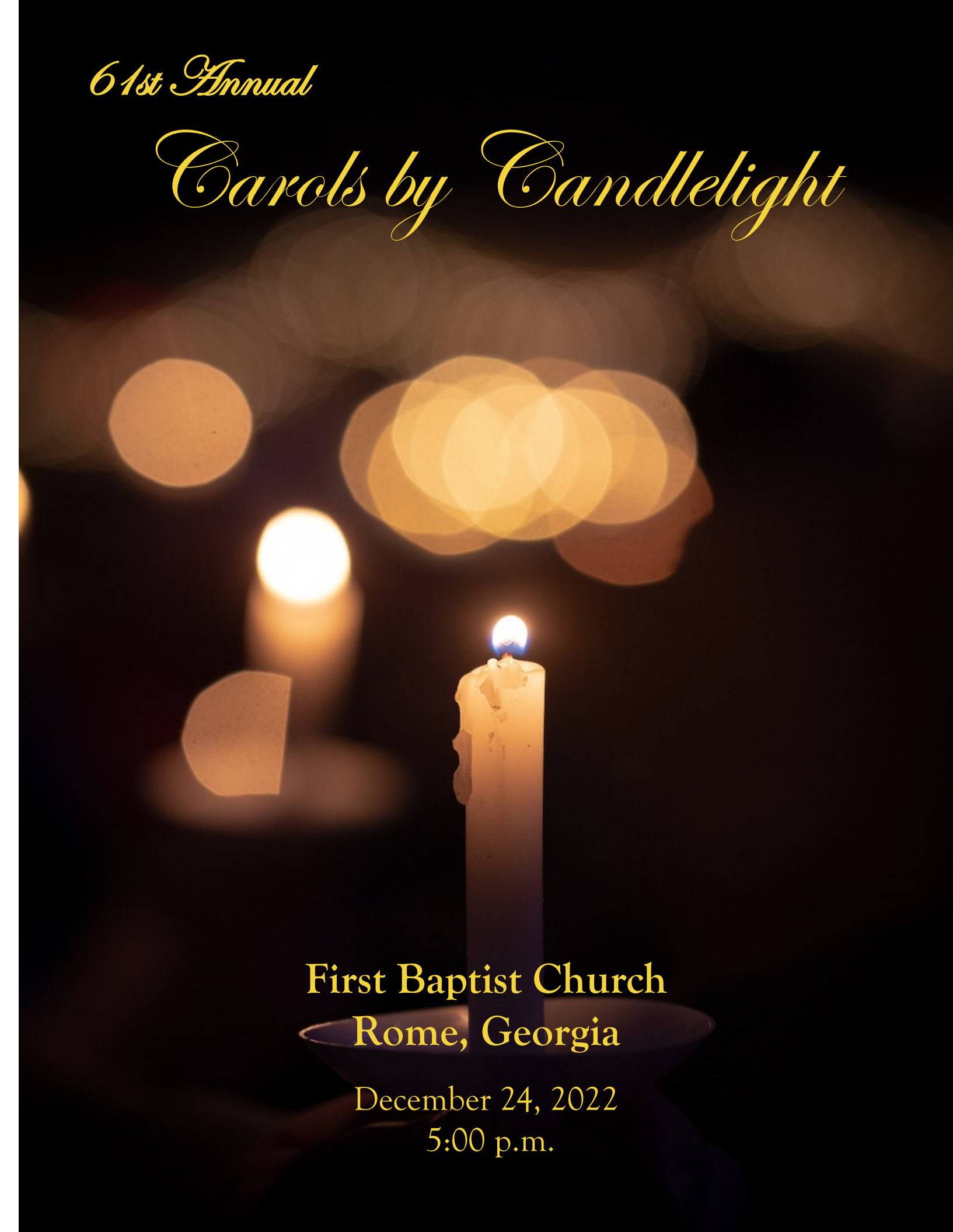


Im - ma - nu - el, our God is with us, and if God is
with us who could stand a- gainst us? Our God is with us Im- ma - nu - el!

Postlude Joan Hill, organ
"Noel" Claude Daquin

61st Annual

Carols by Candlelight



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To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude..... Joan Hill, organ
"Still, Still, Still" ...arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome.....David Brooks, Pastor

Carol of Praise..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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. O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Lighting the Christ CandleJeremy, Jill, Sealy and Marlo Salter

Choral Introduction

"Christ, Be Our Light!"...arr. Joel Raney

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your Word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your Church gathered today.

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For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

We welcome Christ, the newborn King!

For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light as dawned!

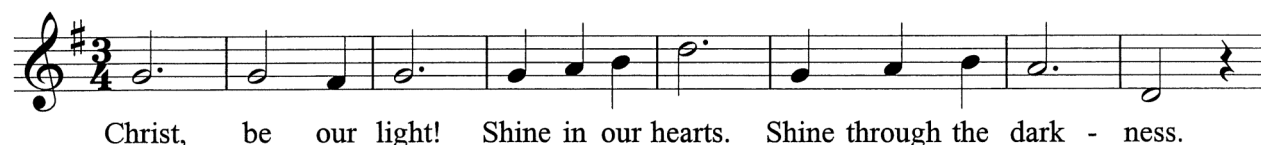
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For anyone whose patience as been put to the test, a new light has dawned!

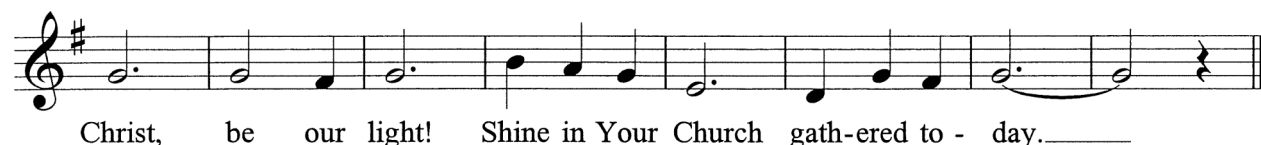
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For anyone in search of the way, the truth and the life, a new day has dawned!

We welcome Christ, the newborn King!



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in Your Church gath-ered to - day.

The Christmas Story in Word and Song

Solo..... Frank Murphy
"O, Holy Night"....Adolphe Adam

The Birth of Jesus is Announced to Mary and Joseph..... Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25
Lee Ann and John Head readers

Carol..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus..... Luke 2:1-5
Gwen Stephens, Minister to Extended Family, reader

Carol..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
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.

Jesus Is Born..... Luke 2:6-7
David Brooks, Pastor, reader

Solo..... Keith Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship
"Ten Thousand Joys"....arr. Don Marsh

Jesus' Birth Is Announced to the Shepherds..... Luke 2:8-14
Tamara Tillman Smathers, Minister of Education/Administration, reader

Carol..... "The First Nowell"
The first nowell the angel 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.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was 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.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus..... Luke 2:15-18
Nick Georgian, Minister to Youth/Missions, reader

Anthem..... Sanctuary Choir
"Jesu, Light of Lights"....arr. Tom Fettke
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee.

In the heart of hearts, in that lonely place, there is only desperation, brokenness, and pride.
In the heart of hearts, in that darkened space, there is only fear and trembling, crying now for grace.

Jesu, Light of lights, Jesu, life of lives,
Shine inside my heart of hearts; Jesu, Light of lights.

This, the heart of hearts beating to redeem, Love patient and enduring born on Christmas Day.
On that night of nights, Hope's eternal flame, Burning for each lost and lonely soul. For these tears He came.
Jesu, Light of lights, Born this holy night, Beacon shine out from the darkness, Jesu, Light of lights.
Shine inside my heart of hearts, Jesu, Light of lights.

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