



## Welcome to FBC!

**We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!**

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**FBC exists to CONNECT people to God by faith in Jesus and to unite us to each other as we GROW together in faith and maturity in Christ, leading us to SERVE like Jesus in our church, our city, and the nations.**

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# The Gift of Life



*Christmas Day*

**December 25, 2022**

First Baptist Church Baton Rouge

# Order of Worship

Prelude		Yannah Gustafson
Words of Welcome		Pastor Oren Conner
	85 // <b>The First Nowell</b> (1, 2, 4)	
	89 // <b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Oren Conner
	100 // <b>Angels We Have Heard on High</b> (1, 3, 4)	
	94 // <b>Angels from the Realms of Glory</b>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:46-55	Roya Nauta
Offertory Prayer		
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings	<b>Joy Has Dawned</b>	
Anthem	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountains</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Message	<b>The Light of Life</b> John 3:19-21	Pastor Oren Conner
Response	106 // <b>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</b>	
Announcements		Larkin Harris
	87 // <b>Joy to the World! the Lord is Come</b> (v. 1)	

# Announcements

On **New Year's Day**, we are back to our regular schedule: First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast at 8:45, Sunday School at 9:15, and Worship at 10:45.

The month of December is for giving! Take some time to pray for our international missionaries and the people groups they serve. You may give at any time to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**. Thank you for giving to further the gospel at home and abroad!

Just a reminder that all **tithes and contributions** must be postmarked by *midnight on December 31* to receive contribution credit for the year 2022. Contributions may be made through the mail (P.O. Box 1309, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) or online at [fbcbr.com/give](http://fbcbr.com/give).

The **church office will be closed** on December 26 and January 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.



## Weekly Activities

**Wednesday Night**  
No Wednesday Activities this week!  
Our Wednesday night fellowship meal and Prayer Meeting will resume on January 4.

**GriefShare**  
*New session will start in the spring!*  
Contact the office for more information!

## Monthly

**First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast**  
*Sunday, January 1 at 8:45 am. Everyone's Invited!*  
**Women on Mission & Senior Adult Luncheon**  
*Tuesday, January 10*

### 85 // 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.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

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

### 89 // 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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts  
Of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
All glory in the highest!

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

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!

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

### 100 // Angels We Have Heard on High

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!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### 94 // Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen the Infant's star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

### **Joy Has Dawned**

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation—  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love—  
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder full the sky  
With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's arms,  
Vuln'rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophesy the story.  
Gold—a King is born today,  
Incense—God is with us,  
Myrrh—His death will make a way,  
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,  
Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend!  
What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of hist'ry

### **91 // Silent Night, Holy Night**

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,  
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.

### **106 // Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Angels winging, praises singing,  
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing greet the morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you!

### **87 // Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**

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.