



# The Service of Worship

December 17, 2017

10:00 AM



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent—JOY

*Because this is a time of worship,  
we ask you to please turn off all cell phones.*

Chorus  
Welcome/Testimony  
Prelude

Pianist, Gideon Kasuh  
Pastor Bill Englund  
Organist, Gary Upp

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*  
by Rowland H. Prichard

Announcements  
Christmas Carol

*Joy to The World #120 သးခုသကိးယုဉ်ရှူးဟဲဝဲ ၆၂*  
*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing #106 ဒိကနုဉ်ကလူးသးဝံဉ် ၆၁*

**Advent Candle #3**  
Special Music

Sheila Ahlbrand and Eh Poe Dwe  
Julia Kyaw

Chorus  
*Make Us One*

Children are invited upstairs at this time for Children’s Church.

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**  
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Chorus  
**Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**

Offertory  
*“The First Noel”*  
Old English Carol

Chorus  
**Give Thanks**

Scripture  
I John 1:1-4  
Scripture is read in both English and Karen to accommodate many members from Burma.  
Message  
The Reverend William M. Englund

Hymn  
*Angels We Have Heard On High #113*

Benediction  
Postlude  
*Blessed Be the God of Israel*  
by Hal H. Hopson

### Calendar for the week of December 17, 2017

#### TODAY

9:30am – Prayer Group  
10:00am – English Language Worship Service  
11:00am – Sunday School  
12:00pm – Karen Language Worship Service  
2:30pm – First Burma Christ Church  
6:00pm – Hope Community Church

#### THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18  
5:30— Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 19  
10:00am— Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20  
7:00pm— Midweek Prayer Service

Friday, December 22  
6:00pm-8:00pm— Children Christmas Party

Saturday, December 23  
10:00am— Christmas Program Practice  
Karen Service Christmas Party

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 24  
10:00am— Children Christmas Program  
6:00pm— Christmas Eve Service with Hope Community Church

Sunday, December 31  
10:00am— Sheila Ahlbrand will preach

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

*For we are partners working together for God. (1 Corinthians 3:9)*

### WELCOME GUESTS!

We are so pleased you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will visit again. If you are looking for a church home, would like to know more about First Baptist Church, or have a personal need, please give us your name and how to contact you on the "Friendship in Worship" slip available from the ushers. You may put it in the offering plate. Someone will contact you as soon as possible.

### WISH TO JOIN?

Perhaps you have been visiting with us for a while and feel God is leading you to become a member of this congregation. It would be a joy to welcome you into the Christian fellowship. Please indicate this on the "Friendship in Worship" slip available from the ushers, and place in the offering plate. You will be notified of the next membership class.

### OUR VISION

To be a transformed committed community cooperatively seeking unity in Christ.

### OUR MISSION

- To witness to God's grace, exemplified in Jesus Christ, as we:
- Reach out deliberately and welcome people of all ages, races, cultures and backgrounds.
- Care for one another.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual renewal and growth.
- Gather for worship and prayer.
- Promote peace and social justice.
- Work as American Baptists in partnership with other organizations and faith communities to further the Kingdom of God.

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Sheila Ahlbrand  
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Roi Saga



*Picture by Rev. David Johnson*

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