

# The Service of Worship

December 31, 2017

10:00 AM



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

Chorus	Pianist, Gideon Kasuh
Welcome/Testimony	
Prelude	Organist, Gary Upp
	<i>"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"</i> arranged by Richard Ellsasser
Announcements	
Christmas Carol	<i>Hark The Herald Angels Sing #106</i>
Invocation	Sheila Ahlbrand
Special Music	

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

*Medley on, "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"*  
Anonymous

Chorus

*Give Thanks*

## Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Scripture is read in both English and Karen to accommodate many members from Burma.  
Message Sheila Ahlbrand

"Time and Breath"

## Hymn

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God #187*

## Benediction

## Postlude

*"Postlude for Christmas"*  
by Carl Simone

## Calendar for the week of December 31, 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

Tuesday, January 2  
10:00am – No Bible Study  
Wednesday, January 3  
7:00pm – Midweek Prayer Service

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 10  
Pastor Bill knee surgery and will gone till February 2<sup>nd</sup> week  
Friday, January 13  
10:30am – Deacons Meeting  
12:00pm – Church Council Meeting

## 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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The Reverend William M. Englund  
Rev. Saul Lu  
Sheila Ahlbrand  
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Sunday, December 31, 2017