



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2015

MEDITATION BEFORE THE SERVICE

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys." ~Charles Dickens

Preludes

Selected Christmas Carols

Aidan Ferguson, Colin Ferguson, Will Fogle, violin
Claire Turner, cello

*Welcome and Invocation

*Hymn, #103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Hymn, #120

Joy to the World!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 1:10-14

The Turner Family

Anthem

"On This Still and Silent Night"

Koerts

Children's Message

Luke 2:1-20

*Hymn, #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Christmas Eve Homily

*Hymn, #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

Solo

"O Holy Night"

Adam

Claire Turner, soloist

*Candle Lighting & Silent Night (See back of bulletin)

Special Note: During the candlelight service, please light your candle by tilting it toward the lighted candle as it is offered to you. Please keep lighted candles in the upright position.

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Join the Triumph of the Skies! Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"

Mendelssohn & Wagner

(* All who are able are invited to stand)

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MINISTERING THIS EVENING:

Pastor: Dr. Mark Allison

Worship Leader: Lana Palmer

Organist: Mary Lou Lovell

Choir Director: Jim Stephenson

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The First Baptist Church of Delaware is pleased to have you with us for this Christmas Eve service celebrating the birth of Jesus. We invite you to worship with us each Sunday. Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:45 a.m.



Merry Christmas