



West Main Baptist Church

Advent Two: Peace

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Mark Gourley

WELCOME

Drew Herring

INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vs 4) 9th Century Plainsong

Sanctuary Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Luke 1:26-38)

Sean Timmons

When we are perplexed and greatly troubled God whispers,
“I am with you. Do not be afraid!”

When we wonder, “How can this be?”, God reminds us,
“Nothing is impossible!”

Let us worship with the faith of Mother Mary, proclaiming,

“Here am I, Lord... let it be with me according to your promise.”

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 81

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Church

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE: PEACE

John and Ann Evans

*ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sean Timmons

Advent is believing in God’s good.

Advent is embracing hope in fear.

Advent is making peace in chaos.

Advent is finding joy within sorrow.

Advent is love made visible.

Light in darkness.

Life abundant.

Advent is waiting patiently...

With hope and with peace.

With joy and with love.

*RESPONSE 83 (verse 1)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Church

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us;
 let us find our rest in Thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
 dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

CHILDREN’S NATIVITY PAGEANT

Readers: Aaron McAdams, Paul Wilkerson & Caroline Wilson

CAROL 110, vs 1

Away in a Manger

The Church

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
 the stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus a sleep on the hay.**

*CAROL 107

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Church

PRAYERS

Sean Timmons

SERMON

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Luke 1: 26-38

Drew Herring

*CAROL 112

Child in the Manger

The Church

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bella Wilkerson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page

Sanctuary Choir

Sandie Parker, piano

*ADVENT RESPONSE 119 (verse one)

The Church

**His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell. God is with us! Alleluia!
 Born in our darkness, He is Light; Born in our weakness, He is Might.
 God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION

Sean Timmons

POSTLUDE

Hark! the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes

(RICHMOND) Melody by Thomas Haweis; Wilbur Held, setting

Mark Gourley

Thank you to Sandie Parker for assisting in worship today.

2024 Commitment Card Update:

Committed to Pray: 41

Committed to Give Time & Talent: 35

2024 Budget: \$523,249

Pledged so far: \$239,215 (46%)

number of Pledges: 53

We will continue collecting cards

though Sunday, 12/31

2023 Contributions must be received by 12/31/23

Sunday, Dec. 17 - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Wed., Dec. 20th: Staff Outing, office closed 9:30-4:00

Friday, Dec. 22nd: Office closes at 1:00

Sunday, Dec. 24th @11:00 : Worship Service only

@ 5:30: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, Dec. 25th-Tue.26th: Church office closed

Wed. Dec. 27th & Thur. 28th: Office open 9-4

Friday, Dec. 29th: Office open 9-1:00

Sunday, Dec. 31st @11:00: Worship Service Only

In the Fellowship Hall- dress casually

Monday, Jan. 1st: Church office closed