

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 1, 2012

The First Sunday after Christmas

Ten Forty-Five in the Morning

Greeting

Paul Sims

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Organ Voluntary

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

setting by Frank Ashdown

Call to Worship

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!

Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made known to us.

Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.

Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.

Rejoice in God, giver of redemption and grace.

Our eyes have seen God's redeeming grace, alive in Jesus.

Rejoice in God, the Spirit of peace and comfort.

Our eyes have seen the power of God at work in the world.

Let us worship God together.

+ Carol 174

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Paul Sims

+ Response

MENDELSSOHN

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

+ The Peace

Sara Spahr Stubbs

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture Lesson

Paul Sims

Prophecy: Isaiah 61:10-11

Fulfillment: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

Sara Spahr Stubbs

+ Carol 146

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

ANTIOCH

stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Offertory Prayer

Nancy Thomas

All loose change received in January will benefit Restoration House, a ministry to men and women who have been released from the prisons, and are coming off the streets. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory

“Sussex Carol”

setting by William Miller

+ Doxology for Christmas

REGENT SQUARE

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal, Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the new-born King!

+ Commission

Paul Sims

+ Carol

ANTIOCH

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

+ Benediction

Sara Spahr Stubbs

Organ Postlude

“Toccata on REGENT SQUARE”

by Mark Miller

+ Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today’s ministry of worship are:

Paul M. Sims, Associate Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Associate Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

Nancy Thomas, Deacon

Join us on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. to hear John Danford tell about his recent mission to Malawi. Supper will be served from 5:30 - 6:15; please call the church office for reservations.