

December 22, 2024

## Welcome to Faith Bible Church!

We are so glad you have joined us for our worship service today.

*"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"*  
John 8:12

### Call to Worship | Psalm 92:1–4

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Congregational Singing:

#### 224 Joy to the World!\*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

\* All hymn lyrics are taken from Hymns of Grace.

#### 231 O Come, All Ye Faithful\*

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, All glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

### Announcements

#### Offering: Away in a Manger

#### Scripture Reading and Prayer | Luke 1:1–25

**MESSAGE: Jesus: Light of the World** | John 1:6–13

#### Benediction: 218 O Come, O Come Emmanuel\*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

#### Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

## **Children's Sunday School | Generations of Grace**

**Today's Lesson:** The wise men worship Jesus

**Passage:** Matt. 2:1–18

**Apply:** Worship Jesus in song and deed

**Next Week:** Genesis 18:16–19:29

**Parents:** A nursery is available on the first floor for infants–3 years old. There is also a Well-Baby Cry Room available on the first floor with live service audio. Please see an usher for assistance.

## **Announcements**

### **Wednesday Evening Ministries**

Wednesday Evening Ministries are cancelled through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

December 29<sup>th</sup> – Equipping Hour Cancelled

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Equipping Hour Cancelled

### **Young Adult Christmas Gathering | Today • 5:00pm**

Join us for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

### **Bible Reading Plan**

A 2025 Bible reading plan is available on the back table or on the church website. As we approach a new year, this is a plan to help you read through the Bible in one year.

### **Christmas Eve Service | Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> • 4:00pm**

Join us on Christmas Eve for a time of singing and hearing God's Word as we celebrate the birth of our great Savior.

### **Book of the Month**

December book of the month is *Christmas Thoughts* by J.C. Ryle. Get a copy at the back table. Suggested donation is \$15.

### **GTY Booklets**

There are free copies at the back table. Please limit one copy of each booklet per family.

### **Giving**

Giving to the general offering and the church growth fund is available online at [www.faithtwincities.com](http://www.faithtwincities.com). If you would like to give a year-end gift, please do so by Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.