

# Christmas Memorial Service

## *A Service of Hope and Light*



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December 4, 2022

5:00 P.M.

in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Prelude ..... Dr. Mark Andersen

Welcome and Introduction to the Service..... Rev. Josh Owens

Call to Worship .....Rev. Tim Little

Leader: Today we gather here in this place of refuge,

**People: for we are lost, we are lonely, we are afraid.**

Leader: Today, we gather daring to believe that God has indeed come in Jesus,

**People: discerning the rejection we have known, knowing our severed  
relationships, holding our heartache in hands of tenderness.**

Leader: Today, we gather with neighbors and strangers, a family made one by our  
brokenness,

**People: coming with our hearts full of hope.**

Leader: Today, we gather just as we are,

**People: for God has promised to meet us here and to welcome us just as we are.**

Musical Meditation .....Lindsay Owens  
*I Am Not Alone*

Scripture of Hope.....Rev. Owens  
Isaiah 40:1-11, 26-31

Lighting Candles of Hope  
*It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Come to the light.*

Prayer

Scripture of Light.....Rev. Reedy  
John 1:1-14

Meditation .....Rev. Reedy  
*The Secret Ingredient*

We Remember .....Rev. Owens

Hymn, No. 180.....Congregation  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Benediction.....Rev. Owens

Leader: In the spirit of this season let us now confidently ask God for all the things we  
need; for ourselves as we participate in whatever way we can this Christmas season.

**People: God hear our prayer**

Leader: For our families and friends who will continue to support us.

**People: God hear our prayer**

Leader: For the person we have loved that has died. For all the losses that we know, that  
all may be redeemed by your Easter promise.

**People: God hear our prayer**

Leader: For all our family and friends that they may know love and peace and happiness  
in you

**People: God hear our prayer**

Leader: For the peace proclaimed by the Christmas angels, to come throughout the  
whole word.

**People: God hear our prayer**

Leader: God of great compassion and love, listen to the prayers of these your  
people. Grant to all, especially the bereaved and troubled ones this Christmas, the  
blessings of your presence and your peace. We ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude .....Dr. Mark Andersen