

Crabtree Valley Baptist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prelude Julie Bradley

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Bill Slater

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship #76 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation Dr. Bill Slater

Reading and Lighting the Candle of Hope Anna and Sydney Clark

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 29:11-13

Responsive Reading:

Leader: We worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

People: We await Christ's coming with hope.

Leader: Jesus is the hope of the world.

People: Jesus is our hope.

ALL: Today we light the candle of hope to represent our faith in Christ, the hope of the world. May we know the encouragement of Christ's hope in our lives this day. Amen.

Hymn #227 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Congregation

PRAISE THE LORD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Julie Bradley

Doxology #253 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Congregation

LISTENING TO HIS WORD

Anthem "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" Choir

Church Staff

Youth Director: Anna Clark
Pianist: Cheryl Walker

Music Director: Risa Poniros
Secretary: Peggy Uteley

HEARING GOD'S MESSAGE

Scripture Luke 21:25-28 Dr. Bill Slater

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Sermon "Where Is Hope Seen" Dr. Bill Slater

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

Hymn #77 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Congregation

Benediction Dr. Bill Slater

Response "Grace, Love and Fellowship" Choir

Postlude Julie Bradley

We welcome Dr. Bill Slater as our guest preacher this month. A native of Virginia, Dr. Slater felt called into the ministry during his junior year of high school. He served as pastor of four churches during 44 years of ministry, having retired last year after 17 years as Senior Pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church. He earned degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary (M Div) and Southeastern Baptist Seminary (Doctorate) and currently serves part-time with the RBA as Director of Church health and Spiritual Directions. His wife Kathy just retired this fall after teaching elementary special needs students for 32 years. Together, they have two daughters and two granddaughters, ages 9 and 4.

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