

Crabtree Valley Baptist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Cheryl Walker

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Bill Slater

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Invocation Dr. Bill Slater

Reading and Lighting the Candle of Peace The Harris family

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsive Reading:

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

People: We long for the peace of the Christ Child.

Leader: Jesus is the Prince of Peace for our broken world.

People: Jesus is our peace.

ALL: This day we light the candle of peace to represent our faith in Christ, the One who brings peace to our world. May we know the contentment of Christ's peace in our lives this day. Amen

Hymn #98 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Congregation

PRAISE THE LORD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Christmas Fantasia" Cheryl Walker

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

LISTENING TO HIS WORD

Anthem "Let Us Adore Him" Choir

Church Staff

Youth Director: Anna Clark
Pianist: Cheryl Walker

Music Director: Risa Poniros
Secretary: Peggy Utley

HEARING GOD'S MESSAGE

Scripture	Isaiah 11:6-10	Dr. Bill Slater
Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	"O Holy Night"	Timothy Sparks
Sermon	"As If ... the Wolf Could Lie Down with the Lamb"	Dr. Bill Slater

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

Hymn #78	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Congregation
Benediction		Dr. Bill Slater
Response	"Amen"	Choir
Postlude		Cheryl Walker

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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