

Crabtree Valley Baptist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Carol of the Bells" Cheryl Walker

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Bill Slater

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship "Carol Jubilee" Handbells

Invocation Dr. Bill Slater

Reading and Lighting the Candle of Love David and Beth Jenkins

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:9-11

Responsive Reading:

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

People: We anticipate with love the birth of the Savior.

Leader: Jesus came to show God's love to all the world.

People: For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

ALL: Today we light the candle of love to represent the love of Christ, who reveals God's love to all the world. May we know the riches of Christ's love in our lives this day. Amen.

Hymn #96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Congregation

PRAISE THE LORD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Joy to the World" Handbells

Church Staff

Youth Director: Anna Clark
Pianist: Cheryl Walker

Music Director: Risa Poniros
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LISTENING TO HIS WORD

Anthem	“God So Loved the World”	Choir
Scripture	Isaiah 9:2-7	Dr. Bill Slater
Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer		
Sermon	“As If ... A Child Had Been Born”	Dr. Bill Slater

RESPONDING TO HIS WORD

Hymn #95	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	Congregation
Benediction		Dr. Bill Slater
Response	“Emmanuel”	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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