

**First Baptist Church Lincoln  
December 24, 2023  
Order of Worship**

**Life Together and Welcome**

**Call to Worship** ..... Christmas Eve Advent Reading

Leader: There is room for you here. If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.

**Many: If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.**

Leader: If you're new to this place, or you have been here before.

**Many: Come in, come in. There is room for you here.**

Leader: The angels are singing.

**Many: "Be not afraid."**

Leader: The angels are singing.

**Many: "Good news and great joy!"**

Leader: So, come in, come in!

**All: There is room for us here.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Opening Song** ..... Joy to the World

**Affirmation of Faith**

All: We believe in a God who makes room for us- Who opens the door, pulls up a seat, Puts the kettle on, and says, "Tell me everything." We believe that God not only treat us this way But also makes room for Our neighbors, for strangers, And for our enemies. Jesus modeled this kind of Room-making love when he said, "Let the children come to me," And, "Let me wash your feet," So we try to follow suit. In a world of closed doors, we believe in saying,

"There is room for you here."

**Praise Song** ..... Make Room

**Prayer Time**

**Praise Song** ..... Good Christian Men Rejoice

**Congregational Read** ..... Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, the angels say, be not afraid," but they also say, "Unto you a child is born."

Christ is born for you.

Christ walked this earth for you.

Christ forgives you.

That's what love does.  
It makes room. It offers grace. It learns your name.  
So repeat these words of hope after me:  
Unto us a child is born.

**Many: Unto us a child is born.**

Leader: Unto us grace is given.

**Many: Unto us grace is given.**

Leader: May this good news change the very fabric of our lives.

**All: Christ has made room for all of us. Amen.**

**Praise Song** ..... Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Praise Solo** ..... Mary Denham  
..... Sing It True

**Message** ..... Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall  
..... Luke 1:46-55

**Offering Prayer**

**Response Song**..... Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Response Song**.....Go Tell It On The Mountain

**Benediction** ..... Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall