

# For the Worship of Almighty God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## O COME, IMMANUEL

Welcome Jerry Perdue

Prelude *Prelude in D* Willan  
Baxter Jennings, organist

\*Call to Worship Jerry Perdue

Leader: God comes! So do not let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.

Leader: God comes! So do not stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

People: We will sing a song of Advent, to the One who hears our words and silence.

Leader: God comes! So do not stop giving your hearts to God.

People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.

\*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

\*Hymn 5 *Come Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

Old Testament Lesson Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (pg.816) Joan and Steve Haynes  
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 3: 7-18 (pg.891)  
The Gospel of our Lord; Praise be to you, O Christ.

\*Please stand as you are able

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*We light the candle of Joy, rejoicing in God's good will for all creation, and opening ourselves to God's gentle, transforming love. May God fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.*

Call to Prayer *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Traditional French Melody

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ  
our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Morning Prayer Rev. Libby Grammer

## WITH GIFTS BROUGHT

\*Hymn 142 *Long Ago, Prophets Knew* PERSONENT HODIE

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *A Joyful Toccata* Stamm

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn 809 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## WITH MINDS PREPARED

Anthem *Will We Know Him?* Besig

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem  
to be born in a lowly stall?

Are we ready to greet the tiny King  
who will come to save us all?

Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem  
to appear in the winter sky?

Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads,  
and let it's light fill all our lives?

Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,  
Once again proclaim the wondrous story.  
God will send His own true Son,  
But will we know Him when He comes?

Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem  
to declare our Savior's birth?

Are we ready to join the angels as the sing,  
And spread the news to all on earth?

Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,  
Once again proclaim the wondrous story.  
God will send His own true Son,  
But will we know him when he comes?

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem,  
God's true and promised Son?  
Are we ready to greet the tiny King  
And will we know Him when He comes?  
Will we know Him when he comes?

Sermon *Joyous Change* Rev. Grammer

## WITH LIVED JOY

\*Hymn 170 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

\*Benediction Rev. Grammer

\*Benediction Response *Amen* Storer

Postlude *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted* Handel

*Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ; thus, it is a season of both joyous and solemn expectation. The liturgical color is purple, symbolic of a spirit of preparation.*

## Advent Candle Family Spotlight

Steve and Joan Haynes have been members of First Baptist since 1982. They raised their three children here, serving as Sunday School teachers, GA leader, Vacation Bible School workers, and choir parents. Steve has taught Sunday School, served as a Deacon and on various committees. Joan has taught Sunday School and worked with WMU. They love the people of First Baptist.

*The white poinsettias in the narthex are given in memory of Jim Wyatt given by his family and in memory of Mildred England by her family.*

## PRAYER REMINDER

**CHURCH FAMILY:** John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Martha Crawley, Jean and Boyd Gray, George Lester, Mary Lou McGoldrick, Betty Minter, Amber Nowlin, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Gayle Williams

The Family and Friends prayer reminder list is now located in the narthex on the welcome table for you to pick up.

**IN CHRISTAIN SYMPATHY TO:** the family of Edith Sanders who passed away Monday, December 3, 2018. Visitation was at Norris Funeral Home on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the funeral followed at 2:00 p.m.

CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING-Our mission offering goal is \$1,000. Mission Offering Envelopes are available in the pew racks. This offering supports the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Missionary Field Personnel like Lynn and Mike Hutchinson.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: Lynn and Mike Hutchinson, Togo, West Africa. Mike and Lynn Hutchinson serve in Togo, West Africa, one of the ten poorest nations in the world and where 65 percent of the population relies on subsistence farming. The Hutchinsons seek to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to help people move from poverty to transformational development and hope. Their work is based on personal relationships, partnerships with local Christians and an asset-based approach that leads individuals and communities to recognize and build on their own God-given gifts.

### Opportunities for the Week

#### **Sunday, December 16**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:00 p.m. Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor's House

#### **Wednesday, December 19**

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

#### **Thursday, December 20**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-John

**GLOBAL MISSIONS: \$481.75**

**IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND:** A gift has been given in honor of John Abbott and in memory of Phyllis Abbott by Anita and David Philpott.

**\*Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes in the Bell Tower Narthex\***

### Nursery Schedule

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Roslyn Wingett & Linda Gale**

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Crystal and Gary Darden**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Crystal Darden and Linda Gale**

We are asking for volunteers to help fill in our nursery schedule on Wednesday Nights during Family Night. Please call the office if you are willing to help out.



#### **Church Christmas Lunch Postponed**

The Christmas lunch has been moved to Epiphany Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, after the morning worship service. Tickets are still available.

**WMU Women were scheduled to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 10<sup>th</sup> but were snowed out.** If anyone would like to make a contribution to the Salvation Army, please make out your check to Salvation Army and bring it to the church office by Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor's House TODAY!**

Rev. Libby Grammer and her family invite you to drop by their home to fellowship together!

TODAY, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
1233 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112

*If you'd like to bring your favorite appetizer, dessert, or drink, please arrive at 2:45 p.m.*

### **Get Involved-New Lay Reader Program!**

Our new lay reader program offers an opportunity for church members to lead in the act of worship regularly. If you are interested in becoming a lay reader to read Scripture during worship, please contact the church office to be added to our lay reader list. Each week, the lay reader will be given the Scripture texts and offered the opportunity to be coached and rehearse his or her readings in the pulpit by William Underwood and other lay reader volunteers.

**WEE Ministry Pageant** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. due to weather. Please join us to support our children by attending in January!

### **Upcoming Events**



**Dec. 16- Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor's House- 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m**  
**Dec. 17- Smith River Singers Concert- 7:00 p.m. Galilean House of Worship**  
**Dec. 24- Christmas Candlelight Service-5:00 p.m.- Daycare & Church office closed**  
**Dec. 25- "Richard's Dinner" 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**  
**Daycare & Church office closed - Merry Christmas!**  
**Jan. 6- Church Christmas Lunch**  
**Jan. 9- WEE Ministry Pageant – 7:00 p.m**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 18 Avery Mills, 23 David Tollison, 24 Mary Alice Bowman, Boyd Gray, Kitty Ratcliff, 26 James Stokes, 30 Timothy Fuller, 31 Jim Frith



**Grace Network Food Assignment: October- December**  
**Pasta (ex. spaghetti, elbows) & Sauce (24 oz. can or jars)**  
**Please leave food in Room 101**

**In case of inclement weather, tune in to WDBJ7, WSLS10, of our website [www.firstbaptistmartinsville.com](http://www.firstbaptistmartinsville.com) for information concerning our worship service and activities.**

# First Baptist Church

## Advent



*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!*

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Mission Statement:

*The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.*