

For the Worship of Almighty God

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

O COME, IMMANUEL

Welcome Bill Sapp

Prelude *And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed* Handel
Baxter Jennings, organist

*Call to Worship Bill Sapp

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: **Our souls magnify the Lord;**

Leader: With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations;

People: **Our spirits rejoice in God our savior.**

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: **Your mercy is to those who fear you from generation to generation.**

Leader: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

People: **You have filled the hungry with good things, and have sent the rich away empty.**

Leader: You are our God, who loves even the least of us beyond measure.

People: **We worship you, God of love!**

*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 171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Please stand as you are able

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5: 2-5a (pg.805) Judy Epperly

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 39-55 (pg.888)

The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle Bobby and Linda Moore

We light the candle of Love, recognizing the gift of the Christ child, by which we know the joy of being loved by our God.

Call to Prayer *Of the Father's Love Begotten* WATTS
William Underwood, soloist

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years
shall see, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Morning Prayer Rev. Libby Grammer

WITH GIFTS BROUGHT

*Hymn 156 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST
FLORIDUM

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *Cradle Song* Delbruck

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 *The Magnificat* arr. Lehman

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness
of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath

magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy
is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered
the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

Sermon *A Song of Love* Rev. Grammer

WITH LIVED LOVE

*Hymn 146 *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

*Benediction Rev. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Amen* Storer

Postlude *Carol Fantasy* Gray

Today is the Fourth 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.

Scripture Reading Spotlight

Judy Epperly was married to John Epperly in the First Baptist Church Chapel in 1968, and has been a member since early 1969. Judy taught a children's Sunday School class, taught for more than 16 years in the children's graded music ministry, and has served on the flower and music committees. Being a part of the Sanctuary Choir is what she enjoys most.

Advent Candle Family Spotlight

Bobby and Linda Moore are very active members of First Baptist Church. Bobby has been a member for 63 years, joining when he was 10 years old. He has chaired and served on various committees and been a deacon numerous times. Linda has been a member for 50 years and has also chaired and served on various committees as well as serving as deacon. They enjoy the fellowship and Christian friends of First Baptist.

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 CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: The family of Esta Wilson who passed away Monday, December 17th and the funeral was Thursday, December 20th at McKee Funeral Home. Flower arrangements in the narthex are in her memory from her family.

CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: Our mission offering goal is \$1,000. Received to date- \$731.75. Mission Offering Envelopes are available in the pew racks. This offering supports the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Missionary Field Personnel like Angel and Jason Pittman.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: Angel and Jason Pittman, Miami, Florida. Angel and Jason Pittman serve as directors of Touching Miami with Love, which is committed to serving the most vulnerable of Miami-Dade County. With a continued focus on children, youth and adults with the greatest educational, social and safety needs. TML operates two centers in the neighborhoods of Overtown and West Homestead.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 24

Office and Daycare closed- Merry Christmas!

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25

Office and Daycare closed- Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 26

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 27

10:00 a.m. No Bible Study

SALVATION ARMY: \$715.00

IN APPRECIATION: GLOBAL MISSIONS: A gift has been given in honor of Pam Burgess-Teacher by the Mary Kirk/Linda Lewis Bible Class. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Betty Brown and Elise Minter by the Mary Kirk/Linda Lewis Bible Class. A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin by Nancy and Bob Canupp. A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin, Dorothy Turner, Mildred England, and Esta Wilson by Earl and Irene Simpson. HOSPITALITY: A gift has been given in memory of Nicholas Haggis, Henry Dalton, and Arthur and Clyde Potter by Mary France Gibbs. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Elise Minter, Betty Brown, Mildred England, Lottie Estes, John Holmes, Tamara Stone, Davis Walker, and Mary Elizabeth Weaver by Judy Epperly. A gift has been given in memory of Esta Wilson by Sue Lester. LIBRARY: A gift has been given in memory of Esta Wilson by Max and Roslyn Wingett. MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: A gift has been given in honor of the Helen Horne Class by Roslyn Wingett.

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

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

Nursery Schedule

Sunday, December 23rd – Crystal and Gary Darden

Monday, December 24th – Crystal Darden and Linda Gale

Sunday, December 30th – Susan Sapp and Marsha Garren

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve 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: 23 David Tollison, 24 Mary Alice Bowman, Boyd Gray, Kitty Ratcliff, 26 James Stokes, 30 Timothy Fuller, 31 Jim Frith

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: 1 Herb Collins, 6 Charlene White, 10 Ran Isley



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, WSL10, of our website 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.