

For the Worship of Almighty God

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.

O COME, IMMANUEL

Welcome

Bill Sapp

Prelude

Toccata Regale
Baxter Jennings, organist

Giamanco

*Call to Worship

Bill Sapp

Leader: We come to worship the God of forgiveness,

People: Who pardoned all our sins.

Leader: We come to worship the God who sent a messenger saying,

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Leader: We listen to what God has to say to us,

People: A voice that speaks of holy peace,

Leader: Peace for the faithful, shared with the world,

People: Peace that overcomes violence and discord.

Leader: We praise the God who makes a way,

People: A way for peace through Christ.

*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 136

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3: 1-4 (pg.830)

John and Marcia
Collins

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able

*Gospel Lesson Luke 3: 1-6 (pg.890)

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*We light the Candle of Peace, knowing full well that peace is elusive.
May we trust that even where there is war and discord,
God is never absent from us, but is always gently
leading us to new possibilities.*

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 733

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

Prayer of Dedication

Ross Gale

Offertory

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

arr. Burkhardt

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

A Tiny Child will Come

Besig

Soon the tiny child will come as prophets have foretold,
A tiny babe whose humble birth will warm the winter cold
He will warm the winter cold.

Soon a tiny child will come, God's promise to fulfill,
To live among us here on earth and do his father's will,
He will do his father's will.

But we will know him when he comes, this tiny king,
Will our hearts and minds be opened to the joy he brings?

Soon a tiny child will come, prepare to let him in,
For he alone can make us whole, and free the world from sin;
He will free the world from sin.

And now the world awaits the news; we know the time is near,
Soon a star will light the winter sky to show he is here!

Soon a tiny child will come, gift from God above,
To teach us all to live in peace, and fill our lives with love.
He will teach us how to love!

Sermon

Preparing for Peace

Rev. Grammer

WITH LIVED HOPE

*Hymn 140

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

EMMANUEL

*Benediction

Rev. Grammer

*Benediction Response

Amen

Storer

Postlude

Postlude in D

Willan

Today is the Second 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

John Collins has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1963 when he and his family moved here. He was baptized by Dr. Chevis Horne and joined the choir in 1988. He has served as Deacon chair several times, and most recently he has served as the Personnel chair and WEE ministry chair. John lost his wife Laura seven years ago. He has two children, Nicole and John. Marcia and John have been married for 5 years, and Marcia is a wonderful stepmother and dedicated worker at Hooker Furniture. Marcia joined the church after they were married here. Marcia and John are both community advocates, dedicated church members, and they love children and animals.

The white poinsettia in the narthex is in memory of Jim Wyatt given by his 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 will be at Norris Funeral Home on December 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the funeral will follow 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 Anna and LaCount Anderson.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: Anna and LaCount Anderson, Scotland Neck, North Carolina. Anna Anderson is a CBF field personnel serving alongside her husband, LeCount, with Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty coalition. The Andersons focus on providing poverty relief through food distribution, poverty education, and housing.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 10

10:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers rehearsal

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 p.m. Church Family Night dinner

6:05 p.m. Prayer

7:00 p.m. WEE Ministry Christmas program

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-John

OFFERING 12/2/18: \$7317.75

GLOBAL MISSIONS: \$481.75

IN APPRECIATION: GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin by Helen Wright. A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette martin by Bill and Susan Sapp. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Ruth Rothrock by Robin and Baxter Robertson.

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

Nursery Sunday Morning- Linda Dorr & Martha Perdue

Wednesday- Linda Dorr & Martha Perdue

Sunday, December 16th – Roslyn Wingett & 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 6th after the morning worship service. Tickets are still available.

December 12th Church Family Night @ FBC Menu: Pork chops, scalloped Tomatoes, mac & cheese, salad bar, roll, and apple cobbler.

Church Family Night for December:

Dec. 12- Prayer and WEE Ministry Pageant.

Dec. 19 & 26- No Family Night- Merry Christmas!

Jan. 2- No Family Night- Happy New Year!

Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor's House!

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

Sunday, December 16th 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 sign up in the church office and 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.

Upcoming Events



Dec. 12- WEE Ministry Christmas Program-7:00 p.m.

Dec. 14- Martinsville Handbell Ensemble-7:00 p.m. at Broad Street Christian

Dec. 16- 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 10 Stanley Mitchell, 11 Danny Baptist, 12 Ron Cox, 13 Ebb Williams, Howard Fringer 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, WSL10, or our website www.firstbaptistmartinsville.com for information concerning our worship service and activities.

First Baptist Church

Advent



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Rev. Libby M. Grammer, Senior Pastor
Ross Gale, Worship Assistant
David Lewis, Director of Music
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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.