

For the Worship of Almighty God

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

O COME, IMMANUEL

Welcome Jerry Perdue

Prelude *Pavane* Elmore
Baxter Jennings, organist

*Call to Worship Jerry Perdue

Leader: Be on your guard, be alert at all times, be ready:

People: **The days are surely coming when God's promises will be fulfilled.**

Leader: Be on your guard, be alert at all times, be ready:

People: **The days are surely coming when a righteous Branch will spring forth.**

Leader: Be on your guard, be alert at all times, be ready:

People: **The days are surely coming when justice and righteousness will come to the land.**

Leader: Be on your guard, be alert at all times, be ready:

People: **For the Son of Man is about to enter our world and our lives in a new way.**

*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 133 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (pg.683) Martha and Gene Medley

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 21: 25-36 (pg.915)

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 Hope, and dare to open the dark places in our lives to the healing light of Christ. May our hearts be prepared for the coming of Christ and the creative, transformative power of hope.

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.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lords of lords,
in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, lord most high!"

Morning Prayer Rev. Libby Grammer

WITH GIFTS BROUGHT

*Hymn 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *Meditation* Albright

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 *Advent Processional* Page

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the way for His coming!
rejoice and sing, give praise to God, Sing Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord! He Comes, our blessed Messiah!
Our mighty God, The Prince of Peace, Sing Alleluia!

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the way for His coming!
Rejoice and sing, give praise to God, Sing Alleluia!

Sermon *Coming Hope* Rev. Grammer

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

WITH LIVED HOPE

*Hymn 163 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ENTSPRUNGEN

*Benediction Rev. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Amen* Storer

Postlude *Trumpet Allemande* Holborne

Today is the First 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

Gene and Martha Medley were married at First Baptist in 1983 and have been active in various capacities since. Martha is a former trustee, former deacon, and has chaired the Business and Finance committee. She has loved putting her creativity to work on the flower committee for many years as well. It has been Gene's privilege to chair the Business and Finance committee more than once over the years, as well as serving as deacon chairman in the past. One of Gene's greatest joys has been to lead our church youth on many mission trips, both out of state and in Virginia with "Impact Virginia."

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, Edith Sanders, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Gayle Williams

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: The family of Rev. Jarrod Pillsbury, Associate Pastor of Family and Youth at First Baptist Church, Collinsville.

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

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 Gennady and Mina Podgaisky.

MISSIONARY PRAYER: Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Kiev, Ukraine Gennady and Mina serve in Kiev, Ukraine, a major urban city with a population of more than four million people. They minister through the Village of Hope, foster family ministry center, home Bible study groups, women's group, counseling, the *Life Skills Manuel* and partnering with ministries to refugees.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Deacons meeting
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Library Bake Sale

Monday, December 3

12:00 p.m. WMU lunch-King's Grant
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers rehearsal

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 p.m. Church Family Night dinner
6:05 p.m. Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-John

Friday, December 7

10:00 a.m. XYZ outing to Old Salem

OFFERING 11/25/18: \$1,051.15

IN APPRECIATION: FLOWER FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin by Linda Read. LIBRARY: A gift has been given in memory of Judy Minter by the Books & Art Club. FULLER DAVIS: A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin by Roy and Nancy Thomas. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin and Mildred England by Jeanne Pedigo. A gift has been given in memory of Jeanette Martin and Davis Walker by Richard and Linda Dorr.

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

Nursery Sunday Morning- Linda Moore and Sylvia Knight

Wednesday-Linda Moore and Linda Dorr

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.

The Sue Martin McCabe Library Bake Sale, Sunday, December 2nd

The bake sale will be held after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be light refreshments and great gift items for Christmas!

WMU Christmas Luncheon at Kings Grant will be Monday, December 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

XYZ Outing will be Friday, December 7th. We will be leaving the church at 10:00 a.m. to go to lunch and the Candle Tea in Winston-Salem, NC.

Church Christmas Lunch

The lunch will be Sunday, December 9th following morning worship. Tickets for the lunch are \$13.00 and are for sale from any Hospitality Committee member or the church office.

All reservations and ticket purchases must be made by Dec.5th.

If you would like to help provide a dessert, please call the church office.

December 5th Church Family Night @ FBC Menu: Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, roll, and cherry cobbler.

Church Family Night for December:

Dec. 5- Join us for a Christmas Carol sing-a-long.

Dec. 12- Prayer and Wee Ministry Pageant.

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

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. 2- Library Bake Sale

Dec. 3- WMU lunch at Kings Grant- all women are invited!

Dec. 7- XYZ Lunch & Candle Tea

Dec. 9- Church Christmas Dinner-don't forget to get your tickets.

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

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

Dec. 17-Smith River Singers Concert- 7:00 p.m. Galilean House of Worship

Dec. 24- Christmas Candlelight Service-5:00 p.m.- Church office closed

Dec. 25- "Richard's Dinner" 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Daycare & Church office closed - Merry Christmas!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 4 Lee Lester, Jeanette Stone, 6 Jean Rood, 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

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.