

Financial Report

Receipts	12/1	2013	Requirements
Budget	\$ 7,187	\$ 272,460	\$324,432
Non-Budget	278	\$ 23,987	N/A
Totals	\$ 7,465	\$ 296,447	N/A

Acolytes for today's service are Verae Upton and Hayden Blackwell.

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For the Barter Theater trip on December 12, we will leave the Bi-Lo parking lot in Columbus promptly at 8:15am. We have room for two more – contact Jeff Harris if you are interested.

Join us for worship on **Sunday, December 15**, as the choir presents the cantata *Celebrate the Child* by Tom Fettke. You can also come with us at 5pm as we go Christmas caroling, followed by the traditional Christmas salsa and chips at El Sureno.

The Community Chorus will present the 2013 Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. at Polk County High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults; students are free. See Bob or Judy Lair for tickets. Proceeds from the concert benefit the \$20,000 in scholarships to PCHS seniors given by Rotary each year.

Advent Devotional guides are available in the narthex and at the entrances to the sanctuary.

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The Reverend Candace Wilson,

Minister of Music and Christian Formation

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E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton



First Baptist Church

December 8, 2013

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday in Advent

The Worship of God

The Music for Gathering Kay Greene

The Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

The Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* -Rowland Pritchard

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 610) Caitlin Britton

The Choral Introit *When God is a Child* -Wren/Fogg

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Brian, Jennifer, Grayson, and Evan Jones
 On the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles to show that the church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and scatters the shadows of fear and doubt. We pray that God will bless our lighting of these candles so that we may reflect the splendor of Christ, our Light.

Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. (*I John 1:7, adapted*)

Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

Come down to us like showers upon the fruitful earth;
 love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in your path to birth.

Before you on the mountains, shall peace the herald, go,
 and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow. (*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," James Montgomery, Psalm 72, altered*)

Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

The Invocation Judy Lair

†The Hymn of Praise 76 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

†The Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Children’s Time Candace Wilson
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children’s church after The Children’s Time.)

The Bells for Worship *How Still We See Him Lie* -arr. Paul McFarland

The Responsive Reading of Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Tanner Garrett
Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the
needy, and crush the oppressor.**
May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the
earth.**
In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
**Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen
and Amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Candace Wilson

†The Hymn of Dedication 79 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* FOREST GREEN

†The Offertory Prayer Ellis Fincher

The Offertory and Meditation *In Heavenly Peace* -arr. Don Phillips

†The Doxology *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* GLORIA

The Epistle Reading Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 8) Jeff Harris

The Music for Worship *In the Bleak Midwinter* -Holst/Causey

The Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11 (p. 16) Jeff Harris

The Sermon “Come, Thou Always -Unexpected Jesus” Jeff Harris

†The Hymn of Response 93 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

†The Benediction Jeff Harris

†The Congregational Response *How Great Our Joy* TRADITIONAL GERMAN
*(Jesus, the gift from heav’n above fills all our hearts with joy and love. How great our joy!
Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Glory to God who reigns on high!
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The Postlude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* -arr. Lloyd Larson
†Standing, if you are able, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

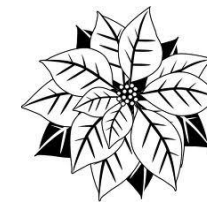
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship – Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00 pm	Children’s Christmas Drama, <i>The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper</i> , followed by Annual Christmas Dinner
Monday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Sisterhood – Judy Lair’s Home
Wednesday	10:00 am	No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:15 am	Trip to Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA
December 15	9:00 am	Cantata rehearsal for choir - sanctuary
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Third Sunday of Advent, Cantata
	5:00 pm	Caroling – El Sureno afterward
December 16	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	No Brotherhood meeting tonight
December 17	6:50 pm	Deacons - Phil Feagan’s home
December 18	10:00 am	No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
December 22	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent
	6:00 pm	No Refuge meeting tonight
December 23	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
December 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service with communion
December 25	all day	Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
December 26	all day	Office Closed

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you experience a meaningful time of worship. Please complete a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.



**The following have placed poinsettias in the sanctuary for the 2013
Christmas season:**

Hub and Joyce Arledge, in memory of Adella “Dell” Ballew
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Robert and Ruth Ann Arledge, in loving memory of Mr./Mrs. James Littlefield,
Jay Littlefield, and Mr./Mrs. Birch Arledge
Carroll and June Brady, in memory of R. Holland Brady, Jr.
Chuck, Denise, Brandon, and Caitlin Britton, in memory of Denise’s mom,
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Howard and Mary Greene, in memory of Thurston and Margaret Arledge
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Mike, Di, Carrie, and Jamie Greene, in honor of Mr./Mrs. James Chambers
Jerry and Lorraine McAtee, in memory of Al and Lib Hawkins
Rick and Beth McCallister, in honor of our granddaughter, Lucy Meredith; and
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