

If you are a guest, we are grateful that you are here. Please complete a welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today's service are Caitlin Britton and Jack Fox.

The **Security team** will meet briefly in the parlor after worship **today**.

Give the Gift of Food – Because we are no longer using live poinsettias in the sanctuary due to allergy concerns, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are provided for this and may be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Don't miss the Community Chorus Christmas concert! The date is **Sunday, December 13, 3:00pm**, at the Polk County High School auditorium. The cost of a ticket is \$10, and you may get them from any Rotary Club member or Bob and Judy Lair. The proceeds from the concert go to fund Rotary Club scholarships for music students.

Coat Drive – We are collecting coats, sweaters, and hoodies – new or used. There is a large collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School classroom. Each time the box is full, we will take the coats to Thermal Belt Outreach. Give the gift of warmth this year!

Ministry Teams--You may sign up in the educational foyer, or you may mark your choice on the green half-sheet and place it in the offering plate.

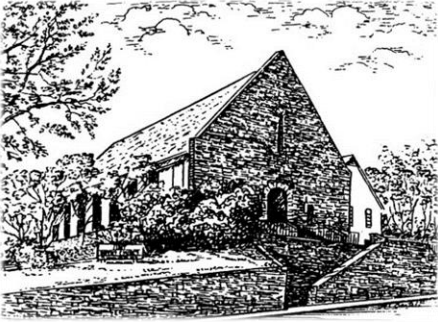
2016 Giving--If you have prayerfully considered your 2016 giving, please sign the blue slip of paper and place it in the offering plate.

If you enjoyed hearing Pepper Choplin, and want to hear more, please visit our church library. We have copies of three of his CDs. Check out something from our Christmas display. Remember that our library is self-service, so please leave the signed check-out card in the wooden tray.

November 29, 2015

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 6,475	I Love My Church	\$2,410
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	Christmas Food Boxes	\$ 120
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 306,672	Food Pantry	\$ 20
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 318,720	School Supplies	\$ 20
		Music Ministry Fund	\$ 20

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First Baptist Church

December 6, 2015

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"* -James Southbridge

Congregational Call to Worship *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

*Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald is dawning,
 Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.
 Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
 He opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.*

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Lighting of the Advent Candles The Crawford Family

We light this candle of peace,
Reflecting on the proclamation of John the Baptist more than 2,000 years ago and working to spread the good news today.
 We light this candle of peace,
Working toward and crying out for a world where everyone's basic needs are met.
 We light this candle of peace,
Smoothing the rough ways and making paths in order to end discrimination and persecution.
 We light this candle of peace,
Awaiting the arrival of Jesus Christ, light of the world. There is darkness everywhere. Be the light.

Sung Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

Opening Prayer

Good and faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation to its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies by your peace that passes all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord – the Prince of Peace. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

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

Children’s Time “Mr. Skip” Williams
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time)

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-20 (p. 841) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Luke 1:68-79
‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

New Testament Reading Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 187) Jeff Harris

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Jeff Harris

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

Offertory Prayer Sydney Waldman

Offertory and Meditation *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* -arr. Tom Fettke

†Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6 (p. 59) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* –Carolyn Jennings
(combined Chancel and Children’s Choirs)

Sermon “That Love May Overflow” Jeff Harris

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

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Christians All, Your Lord is Coming* PLEADING SAVIOR
*Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.*
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†Postlude *Jesus is Coming! Prepare the Way* -Joseph Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship (Advent II - Peace)
	12:00	pm	Security team meeting – parlor
Monday, December 7	5:00	pm	Annual Christmas Dinner- Activity Building
	6:30	pm	Sisterhood Christmas party at Calvert’s
Tuesday, December 8	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 9	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	am	Sunday School
Sunday, December 13	11:00	am	Worship (Advent III – Joy)
	3:00	pm	Community Chorus concert-Polk County HS

You're Invited!



What: The Annual Christmas Dinner

When: Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm

Where: The Activity Building

Please join us for our Christmas Dinner in the Activity Building on December 6, at 5:00pm. The Social Committee will provide ham, chicken tenders, rolls, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. The children's choir will sing, we'll play some silly games – it will be a great time of fellowship and fun.