



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 11, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Introit

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Children's Choir

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

- John F. Wade, arr. Tom Barden

Lighting the Advent Candles

Matthew, Lora, and Cade Baker

Response

Adeste Fidelis

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Call to Worship

Jim Hawkins

Wake us up, O Lord,

to the beauty and goodness that surround us.

Teach us patience,

so that we might be faithful followers of Jesus.

Guide us in your ways of simplicity and contentment,

for the sake of the world.

†**Hymn 85, *The First Nowell***

THE FIRST NOWELL

†**Invocation**

Malik Miller

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

"Mr. Skip" Williams

(Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading, Psalm 36

Emily Pereira

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.
For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.
They plot mischief while on their beds; they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

Children's Choir

New Testament Reading, Philippians 4:8-13 (p. 189)

Jeff Harris

†**Hymn 88, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

Gospel Reading, Luke 3:7-18 (p. 59)

Jaime Fitzgerald

Handbells

Carol of the Bells

-M. Leontovych, arr. Linda R. Lamb

Sermon

"How Much is Enough?: The Practice of Contentment"

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 106, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

W ZLOBIE LEZY

(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†**Offertory Prayer**

Jaime Fitzgerald

Offertory and Meditation

Bethlehem Medley

-arr. Suzanne Brantley

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

OLD 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service		Jeff Harris
† Benediction		Jeff Harris
† Congregational Response	<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i> <i>“O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee”</i>	MARGARET
† Postlude	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	-Swedish melody, arr. Lani Smith

First Baptist Church of Tryon “Simple Christmas”



- Sunday, November 27** **Advent 1, Wake Up!: The Practice of Paying Attention**
Sunday School, 10am
Worship, 11am
Children’s Choir, 5pm
Refuge, 5pm
- Sunday, December 4** **Advent 2, Be Patient: The Practice of Waiting**
Children’s Choir, 9:45am
Sunday School, 10am
Worship, 11am
Annual Christmas Dinner (Activity Building), 5pm
- Sunday, December 11** **Advent 3, How Much is Enough?: The Practice of Contentment**
Children’s Choir, 9:45am
Sunday School, 10am
Worship, 11am
Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School, 3pm
Refuge Christmas Party, 5pm
- Sunday, December 18** **Advent 4, Choir Cantata “Go Tell it on the Mountain”**
Sunday School, 10am
Worship, 11am
Christmas Caroling, 3pm, (Chips and salsa to follow)
- Saturday, December 24** **Christmas Eve Service, 5pm** (Carols, communion, candlelight, violin, guitar, drama – you don’t want to miss it!)
- Sunday, December 25** **Christmas Day Worship, 11am** (Come as you are, lots of carols, kid-friendly, with kids acting out the Nativity)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 11	9:45	am	Children's Choir practice
	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Community Chorus Concert – Polk County High School
	5:00	pm	Refuge Christmas party
Monday, December 12	6:00	pm	House and Grounds Committee meeting – Rock House
Tuesday, December 13	10:30	am	Staff meeting
	7:00	pm	Sisterhood Christmas meeting – Home of Judy Lair
Wednesday, December 14	6:00	pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	6:00	pm	Women's Bible Study – Rock House
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Acolytes for today's service are Luke Walker and Laney Littlefield.

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

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Disaster Relief for Tennessee wildfires. We are collecting donations to help Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief respond to the devastating fires that have ravaged the eastern part of their state. Envelopes are in the pew rack, or you may designate "Tennessee Wildfire Relief" in the memo line of your check. There's an immediate need for food, too, to be provided by the First Baptist Church of Gatlinburg.

The Community Chorus concert is this afternoon, at 3pm. The concert is at Polk County High School, and is entitled "An English Christmas." Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased in advance from any Rotary member, or may be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to fund music scholarships.

Sisterhood will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 at the home of Judy Lair. Kay Greene will provide the program and each Sister is asked to bring cookies for the "Cookie Swap."

Surprise someone this Christmas by giving the gift of food! 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.

December Mission – Kathy's Kids - Kathy Ashley will be available to give you a name of a needy child at Tryon Elementary School this year. Contact her directly. If you are not able to shop for a child, you can give a donation through the church marked "Kathy's Kids" and Kathy or members of Sisterhood will do the shopping.

Thanks for your generous and faithful giving in 2016. As you consider your giving for the upcoming year, we have provided a 2017 Estimate of Giving card for your own use. If you have not received one, there are Estimate of Giving cards at the entrances.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve on a ministry team. There is a place of service of everyone, and we hope that you will find your place. Teams differ from committees, in that you may stay with a team for as little or as long as you choose. There are sign-up sheets in the education hallway for each of these teams: Bereavement, Nursery, Children's Worship, Social, Greeter, Visitation, Mission, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Helping Hands, and Safety.

We sincerely appreciate all the cards, flowers, calls, food, and prayers from our church family. –The Roger Durham Family

December 4, 2016

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 8,449	TN Wildfire Relief	\$ 885.50	Hurricane Matthew	\$100
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	I Love My Church	\$ 100		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 334,158	Kathy's Kids	\$ 300		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 327,467	Christmas Food Boxes	\$ 140		

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