



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 18, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

-arr. Joseph Martin

Lighting the Advent Candles

Erik, Randi, and McClain Koistinen

Congregational 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

Jeff Harris

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 96, *Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

IN DULCI JUBILO

†**Invocation**

Jack Fox

†**Passing the Peace**

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Time

Jeff Harris

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

†Hymn 103, *Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 9:2-6 (607)

Jaime Fitzgerald

Responsive Reading, Psalm 98

Jim Hawkins

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Reading, Luke 1:26-55 (p. 56)

Jeff and Jodi Harris, Jaime Fitzgerald, Stephen Morris

Christmas Cantata

Go Sing It On the Mountain

-Pepper Choplin

Jim Hawkins, Director Jeff and Jodi Harris, Narrators

Narration

Rise, O People, and Bring Good News

Narration

A Child is Going to Come

Narration

Call His Name Jesus

Narration

Angel Band (Robert Buckingham, mandolin)

Narration

Hush, Little Baby

Narration

Go Sing It on the Mountain (Robert Buckingham, banjo)

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 95, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

(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

Frances Wray

Offertory and Meditation

Advent Meditation for Banjo

-arr. Bob Buckingham

†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 *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

MARGARET

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee"

†Postlude

The Rose Tree Carol -Traditional Catalan, arr. Joseph Martin

Acolytes for today's service are Ellie Baughman and Lawson Carter.

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.

We welcome Robert Buckingham as our musical guest today. He'll use the mandolin and banjo in our cantata, and has prepared an offertory for this morning's service. Mr. Buckingham lives in Greer, and is on the board of the Pac jam program at the Tryon Fine Arts Center.

The third Sunday of each month, we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit today.

Come Christmas caroling with us today! We'll meet at the church at 3pm, and then go spread some Christmas cheer in the community. Following our singing, we'll enjoy our traditional Christmas chips and salsa at El Sureno.

Christmas Food Boxes Given to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry

Ed & Nancy Britton	In Honor and Memory of our Parents
Elizabeth Burrell	In Honor of our Staff at First Baptist Church
Sally Jo Carter	In Honor of Jodi & Jeff Harris
Keith & Debbie Collins	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of Bill & Dot McFarland
Ray & Becky Hudson	In Memory of CT and Anniebelle Hudson
JT & Cathy Johnson	In Memory of Christopher Todd Johnson
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Ed Justice Family	In Memory of Launa Metcalf, Evelyn Chapman, & Jane Strong
Beth & Rick McCallister	In Memory of Meredith
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Ellis and Linda Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Honor of Gerald and Carole McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Ellis & Ann Fincher
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hulon & Betty McEntire
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Frances Henson
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Hazel Forrester
Ben McEntire Family	In Memory of Homer & Allen Durham
Ken & Leslie Raymond	In Honor of our Mothers, Judith Reddix & Eileen Moore
Franklin Williams	In Memory of Dad and Mother

Looking Toward Christmas . . .

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 18	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Christmas Caroling
	5:00	pm	No Refuge, because of caroling
Tuesday, December 20	10:30	am	Staff meeting
	6:00	pm	Deacons meeting
Wednesday, December 21	6:00	pm	No Bell Rehearsal
	6:00	pm	No Women's Bible Study
	7:00	pm	No Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 24	5:00	pm	Christmas Eve Service

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.

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 for 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.

2017 Offering envelopes are available for pickup in the church parlor.

December 11, 2016

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 6,280	TN Wildfire Relief	\$ 330	Heifer International	\$ 30
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Lottie Moon	\$ 350	SS Church	\$ 250
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 340,438	Kathy's Kids	\$ 1150		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 334,150	Christmas Food Boxes	\$ 200		

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