

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 3	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Limestone College Choir Annual Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 4	1:00	pm	Staff Meeting
	5:30	pm	Mission Team
Tuesday, December 5	10:30	am	WMU Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 6	5:30	pm	Bell Choir
	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir

**Today's acolytes are Wilson Edwards and Harper Harris.**

### You're invited to the Annual Christmas Dinner!

Tonight at 5pm, the Limestone College Choir will perform in the sanctuary, and then we'll go to the Activity Building to share the Annual Christmas Dinner. Please bring a covered dish, side, or dessert to share!

**We welcome Marcia Harris as our guest organist.** Marcia has been interested in music, especially church music, her entire life. She grew up accompanying the youth choir, and playing piano and organ for church services. She most recently served Fernwood Baptist Church as Music Associate for eleven years, before her recent retirement. We are grateful to have Marcia with us for the next few weeks.

### 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 will be available at the exits

**There will be a Called Church Conference following worship on December 17.** We will vote on the 2018 Ministry Plan and the 2018 Nominating Committee Report. You will receive copies in the mail for your review.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes January 10.**

**Thanks for Living Generously!** Your generous and faithful support of First Baptist Tryon is greatly appreciated. Thanks for helping us carry out God's mission. If you still have an Estimate of Giving Card to turn in, you may place it in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or mail it to the church office.

**A special thank you to the Annual Giving Campaign Team for their hard work and success:** Charles McKeller, Lib McKeller, Carolyn Baughman, Judy Lair, Sadie McKaig, and Shelvie Foust.

### November 26, 2017

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 5,983	Love Offering	\$110
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	TBOM Food Pantry	\$ 30
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 319,449	Kathy's Kids	\$ 50
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 327,840		

### Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today.

If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God's love through our worship and among our congregation. If this is your first time with us, please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate later in worship. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer you in appreciation of your presence.

**Nursery Care** is provided for children from birth to three years during Worship and Sunday School.

**Children, ages 4-Kindergarten,** may remain in worship or may exit after the Children's Time for a special time of worship and play. Parents may join them, or stay for the remainder of worship.

**Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.**

**Baskets for recycling bulletins are located at the exits.**

### DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS

**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.

### OFFERING - DECEMBER

Keith Collins—Lead Deacon, Elizabeth Burrell,  
Franklin Williams, Shelvie Foust, Ed Justice

### GREETERS—DECEMBER

Phil and Joyce Scoggins—Front  
Renae Waldman—Hall  
Brian Jones—Side

### DIACONATE

Elizabeth Burrell, Chair, Phil Scoggins, Vice-Chair,  
Ellis Fincher, Ron Frady, Danny Fox, Susan Smith,  
Phil Feagan, Keith Collins, Sadie McKaig

### CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music  
The Reverend Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth  
Kay Greene, Pianist  
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton

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## First Baptist Church Tryon, NC



“Shepherd Sunday”

December 3, 2017

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

First Sunday of Advent

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

Eleven O'clock

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Jim Hawkins

“Same old, same old?” Michael Baughman and Jaime Fitzgerald

Call to Worship

*Christmas Quodlibet*

-Peninger

Lighting the Advent Candle

Mason, Taylor, Liam and Rhys Jackson

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.' Luke 2:8-10

**Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news first to the shepherds.**

We give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

**On this first Sunday in Advent, we light the first candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.**

†Hymn 76

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

†Invocation

Katie Cothran

†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

Luke 2:8-20 (p. 58)

Jaime Fitzgerald

†Hymn 85

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Luke 15:1-7 (p. 76)

Jodi Harris

Psalm 23

David Graham

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Anthem

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

-arr. Rentz

John 10:11-18 (p. 100)

Jeff Harris

Sermon

“When the Shepherd is the Lamb”

Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 108

*How Great Our Joy*

JUNGST

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

Offering and Meditation

-G.F. Handel

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

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

*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*

**Live Generously Update**

Shelvie Foust

## 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Helping Hands

Don Batts

Opportunities of the Week

Jaime Fitzgerald

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

VENI EMMANUEL

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Postlude

*Joyful Tidings*

-arr. Moffatt

## Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

Dec 3

First Sunday of Advent, Shepherds, 11am

Dec 3

Annual Christmas Dinner, Limestone College Choir performs in the sanctuary at 5pm, with dinner following in the Activity Building.

Dec 10

Second Sunday of Advent, Joseph, 11am

Dec 10

Refuge Christmas Party at the home of Jeff and Jodi Harris, 5pm

Dec 17

Third Sunday of Advent, Mary, 11am

Dec 17

Christmas Caroling, 3pm, dinner at El Surreno to follow.

Dec 24

Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm  
We will not have Sunday School or Morning Worship on Christmas Eve.

Dec 31

First Sunday of Christmas, Wise Men, 11am