

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 10	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Community Chorus at PCHS
	5:00	pm	Refuge party at the Harrises'
Monday, December 11	1:00	pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, December 12	5:30	pm	Chancel Choir

Today's acolytes are StorieLane Whiteside and Jack Fox.

Refuge Christmas Party Today—Meet at Columbus Food Lion at 2:00pm to shop for Kathy's Kids. Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's following shopping at 5:00pm. Please bring a donation for Kathy's Kids instead of a sneaky Santa gift this year as we practice giving more this season! Wear your best cheesy Christmas sweater/outfit! Pick up at Jeff and Jodi's at 7:30pm!

The Community Chorus Concert is today at 3pm, at Polk County High School. Come and hear this great group of singers! Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased from a Rotary Club member, or at the door.

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 at the worship on December 17. We will vote on the 2018 Ministry Plan and the 2018 Nominating Committee Report.

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.

December 3, 2017			
Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 9,558	Lottie Moon	\$ 21
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Food Boxes	\$ 40
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 329,097	Kathy's Kids	\$200
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 334,670		

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
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John Spinks, Sexton

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**First Baptist Church
Tryon, NC**



“Joseph Sunday”

December 10, 2017

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour John Spinks

Prelude *Ring Noel* -arr. Allen Pote
Handbell Choir

Lighting the Advent Candle

Anthony, Emily, Cole, and Hadley Pereira

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David." Luke 2:1,3-4

Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light his candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among God's people.

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

†**Invocation** Beth McCallister

†**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

Choral Anthem *One Small Child* -David Meece

Psalm 86:1-15 Lucas Scoggins

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for ever.

For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 7) Jaime Fitzgerald

Solo *Joseph's Song* -Michael Card
Jim Hawkins, Soloist

Sermon "Reading (and living) Like Joseph" Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 100** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

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** Simms Harris

Offering and Meditation -Dan Edwards

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Handbell Choir

†**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*

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.

Opportunities of the Week Jaime Fitzgerald

†**Benediction** Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response** VENI EMMANUEL
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Postlude *Let Us Adore Him* -Peery

Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent, Shepherds
-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
-Refuge Christmas Party at the home of Jeff and Jodi Harris, 5pm

Dec 17 Third Sunday of Advent, Mary
-Christmas Caroling, 3pm, dinner at El Sureno to follow.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm
-Join us for candlelight, carols, and communion. This is a kid-friendly service, with an opportunity for children to participate in an "Impromptu Nativity." Nursery is provided. We will not have Sunday School or Morning Worship on Christmas Eve.

Dec 31 First Sunday of Christmas, Wise Men