

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 2	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	12:00	pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:00	pm	Furman University Tones in concert Annual Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 4	9:00	am	Staff Meeting
	10:30	am	WMU Group I Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 5	5:30	pm	Bell Choir
	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 6	1:00	pm	Visitation Team
	1:00	pm	Stewardship Committee

Acolytes: Ellie Baughman, Harper Harris.

Children's Church Leaders: JT and Cathy Johnson.

Annual Christmas Dinner tonight! Our evening begins with the Furman University Tones performing in the sanctuary at 5pm. The Christmas meal will follow in the Activity Building. Prime rib, chicken tenders, rolls and beverages will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, side, or dessert to share! Our own Michael Baughman will serve as emcee.

Christmas Luncheon for Senior Adults. The Visitation Team is sponsoring a luncheon for all senior adults in the Activity Building on Thursday, December 13 at 11:30am. If you need transportation, contact the church office. There's a signup sheet to attend in the Education Foyer—please sign up by December 7.

The Angel Tree is located in the narthex with instructions for giving a gift of your choice to a senior or a child.

Kathy's Kids is a ministry to provide clothes/toys for children in need at Christmas. Please see Kathy Ashley (or call her at 894-9417) to get names of children and instructions. **The gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 16.**

Looking for unique Christmas gifts?

Join us today in the Rock House after worship, and before and after the Annual Christmas Dinner for these gift opportunities:

- Give a donation to Heifer International and take home some homemade Christmas cookies
- Give the gift of a Thermal Belt Outreach Food Box to a family in Polk County in memory or in honor of a loved one
- Bid in a Silent Auction for church pews no longer in use (bids accepted December 2nd-16th)
- Purchase a First Baptist Church coffee mug

November 25, 2018

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 6,253	Kathy's Kids	\$2,000
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,068		
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 344,383		
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 379,196		

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 – 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. You may contact Kathy by calling her at 859-9417.

OFFERING - DECEMBER

Shelvie Foust, Lead Deacon; Keith Collins, Ed Justice, Jeff Miller, Phil Pleasants

GREETERS—DECEMBER

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

DIACONATE

Phil Scoggins, Chair
Keith Collins, Vice Chair
Susan Smith, Recorder
Danny Fox, Phil Feagan, Sadie McKaig
Don Batts, Phillip Edwards, Beth McCallister

CHURCH STAFF

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

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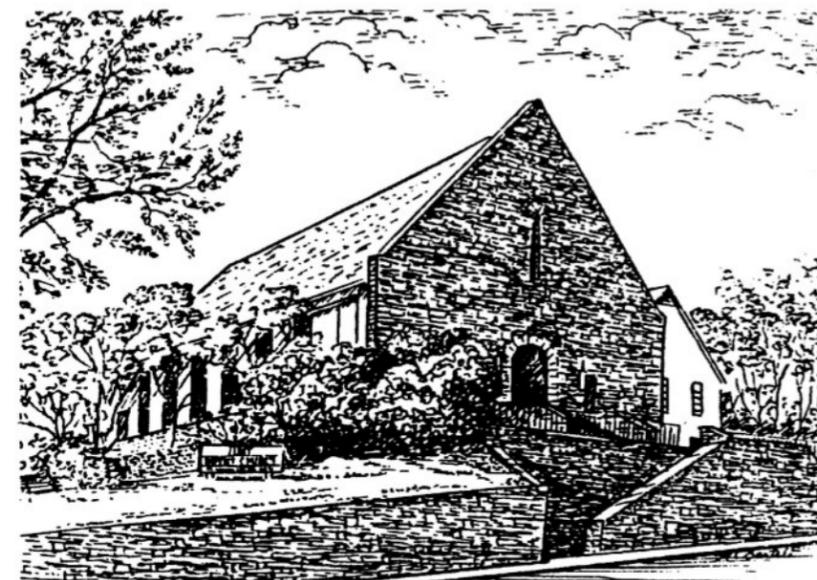
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**First Baptist Church
Tryon, NC**



December 2, 2018

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

First Sunday of Advent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Opportunities of the Week

Jaime Fitzgerald

Trinity Chime

John Spinks

Opening Words

Jeff Harris

Choral Call to Worship

WAITING

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Music for Meditation

Meditation on "Divinum Mysterium" -Southbridge

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Gabriel, Jami, Mamie, Beatrice, and Shepherd Temple

As we light the candle of hope, we pray for those feeling hopeless.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13

Lord, fill us with hope. Hope of a new day. Hope that all fears are removed. Hope that our lives will matter.

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Heb 10:23

Hope for something more than ourselves. Hope that damaged trust will be revived. Hope that flailing churches will be renewed. Hope that your good news will release us from all that binds.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. II Thess 2:16-17

Hope that broken relationships will be restored. Hope that diseased bodies will be healed. Hope that the blind will see. Hope that your kingdom will come.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Rom 8:24-25

Choral Response

LYONS

The candle of hope we light in this hour

Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

Invocation

Taylor Jackson

†Hymn 77

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

†Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jeff Harris

Children's Time

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

Jodi Harris

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Luke 21:25-36

Jaime Fitzgerald

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them in a parable:

"Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

†Hymn 94

Angels From the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 698)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jeff Harris

Anthem

Like A River in My Soul

-Osiek

Sermon

"When the Man Comes Around"

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (stanzas 1 & 4)* ST. LOUIS

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

Lane Price

Offering and Meditation

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

-Reimer

†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.

Live Generously

Shelvie Foust

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

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Postlude

Prepare the Way, O Zion

-Smith

†Please stand if you are able.

Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

- December 2 ·First Sunday of Advent, Hope, 11am
·Christmas Shopping at Rock House, 12pm
·Annual Christmas Dinner
Furman University Tones perform in the sanctuary at 5pm, with dinner following in the Activity Building.
- December 9 ·Second Sunday of Advent, Peace, 11am
·Refuge Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's, 4pm
- December 10 ·Staff Christmas Party at Jeff and Jodi's, 5pm
- December 13 ·Senior Adult Luncheon, Activity Building, 11:30am
- December 16 ·Third Sunday of Advent, Joy, 11am
- December 23 ·Fourth Sunday of Advent, Love, 11am
·Christmas Caroling, 3pm, Dinner at El Sureño to follow
- December 24 ·Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm
- December 30 ·First Sunday of Christmas, 11am
- January 6 ·Epiphany, 11am