

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

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| Sunday, December 9     | 10:00 am | Sunday School                                  |
|                        | 11:00 am | Worship  |
|                        | 3:00 pm  | Community Chorus concert at PCHS               |
|                        | 4:00 pm  | Refuge Christmas party at Jeff & Jodi's        |
| Monday, December 10    | 5:00 pm  | Staff Christmas party at Jeff & Jodi's         |
| Tuesday, December 11   | 9:00 am  | Staff Meeting                                  |
|                        | 7:00 pm  | Sisterhood at Beth McCallister's               |
| Wednesday, December 12 | 1:00 pm  | Capital Improvement Team                       |
|                        | 6:30 pm  | Chancel Choir                                  |
| Thursday, December 13  | 11:30 am | Senior Adult Luncheon in the Activity Building |

**Acolytes: ScottLynn Whiteside, Olivia Miller.**

**Children's Church Leaders: Anthony and Emily Pereira.**

**Community Chorus Concert, 3pm.** The Carolina Community Chorus is presenting a Christmas concert at Polk County High School today at 3pm, under the direction of Dr. Susan Lyle. Tickets are \$10, and all proceeds go to fund music scholarships through the Rotary.

**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.

**Christmas Caroling December 23, 3pm.** Join us as we bring joy and cheer to our homebound members this Christmas! You may ride in a car, OR the back of the truck (bring a blanket) as we sing familiar carols at each stop. We will finish up at El Sureño restaurant for fellowship and food. Christmas sweaters, Santa hats and jingle bells are encouraged!

**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." A nursery is provided.

**Kathy's Kids** is a ministry to provide clothes/toys for children in need at Christmas. Please see Kathy Ashley (or call her at 859-9417) to get names of children and instructions. **The gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 16.**

**Please have all year-end contributions into the church office by Sunday, December 30.**

**Still looking for unique Christmas opportunities?**

- Give a donation to Heifer International
- 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, bid sheets in Educational Foyer)
- Purchase a First Baptist Church coffee mug

**December 2, 2018**

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| Weekly Ministry Plan Giving | \$ 8,948   | Kathy's Kids  | \$ 20 |
| Weekly Ministry Plan Goal   | \$ 8,068   | Heifer Int'l. | \$457 |
| YTD Ministry Plan Giving    | \$ 353,331 | Lottie Moon   | \$ 50 |
| YTD Ministry Plan Goal      | \$ 387,264 | Food Boxes    | \$100 |

**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  
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John Spinks, Sexton

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**First Baptist Church  
Tryon, NC**



December 9, 2018

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Second Sunday of Advent

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## Second Sunday in Advent

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Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Opportunities of the Week Jodi Harris

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 Reflection

*Away in a Manger* -arr. Larson

Lighting the Candle of Peace Alyssa and Phil Wulliman

As we light the candle of peace, we pray for all who suffer the consequences of war and for all victims of violence.

**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.** Ps 34:14

We are not only at war with each other, but we are at war with ourselves.

**The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.** Ps 29:11

We are even at war with God.

**“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.** Is 54:10

In the midst of fear and uncertainty, we long for Your peace.

**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

Choral Response LYONS

*The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;*

*The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.*

*Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,*

*Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.*

Invocation Ray Hudson

†Hymn 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children's Time Jodi Harris

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

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 40:1-5 Jennifer Jones

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her, that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.**

A voice cries out:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;**

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

†Hymn 93 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 841) Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *All Bells in Paradise* -Rutter

Sermon “Fire and Soap” Jeff Harris

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 103 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

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 Jim Hawkins

Offering and Meditation

*Bethlehem Medley* -Brantley

†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 Jaime Fitzgerald

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.

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response 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.*

Postlude *The Snow Lay on the Ground* -Traditional Irish Carol

†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 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