

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 16	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, December 17	6:30 pm	Brotherhood at Calvert's Kitchen
Tuesday, December 18	9:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday, December 19	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 20	5:00 pm	Staff Christmas Party at Jeff & Jodi's

Acolytes: ScottLynn Whiteside, Oliviah Miller.

Children's Church Leaders: Anthony and Emily Pereira.

A big thank-you to Bud Pace for clearing our church parking lot.

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

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 for food and fellowship. 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. **Gifts must be turned in today.**

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-23rd, bid sheets in Educational Foyer)
- Purchase a First Baptist Church coffee mug

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

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

December 2, 2018		December 9, 2018	
Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 8,948	Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ -0-
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,068	Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,068
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 353,331	YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 353,331
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 387,264	YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 393,332

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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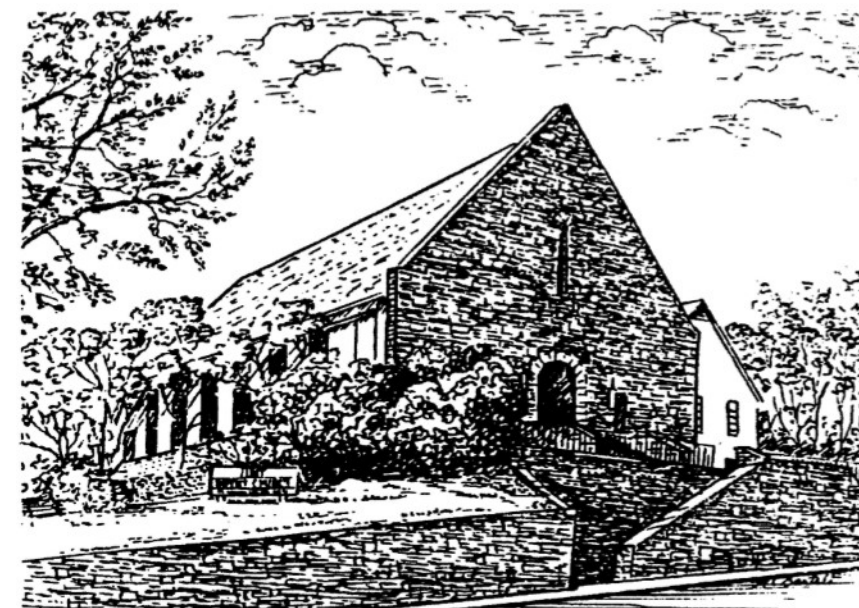
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**First Baptist Church
 Tryon, NC**



December 16, 2018

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

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.

Bells for Reflection

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child -arr. Cook

Lighting the Candle of Peace Phil and Alyssa 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 76 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1 & 4)* VENI EMMANUEL

†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.

Children's Choir *Silent Night* -Mueller

Lighting the Candle of Joy Jeff and Else Miller

As we light the candle of joy, we trust that God is with us.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

We trust that God is with the brokenhearted.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

We trust that God's peace will guard and protect us.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

We trust that in life and in death, the Lord is near.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Ps 95:1

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Choral Response LYONS

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,

For God is at work to do a new thing.

The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.

God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p. 829) Jennifer Jones

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; **for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.**

†Hymn 88 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Philippians 4:4-7 (p. 189) Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *All Bells in Paradise* -Rutter

Sermon “Always?” Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 96 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO
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.

Bells for Reflection

O Little Town of Bethlehem -arr. Miller

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response WAITING

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

†Please stand if you are able.