

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, December 23	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling—meet at church
Monday, December 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 25		Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, December 26		Office Closed
		No Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday, December 27	9:00 am	Office open

**Acolytes: Simms Harris and Gabriel Gates.**

**Children’s Church Leaders: Keith and Debbie Collins.**

**Christmas Caroling, today, 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.

**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 16, 2018**

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$29,150	Food Pantry	\$212
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,068	Food Boxes	\$330
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$382,481	Lottie Moon	\$250
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$401,400	Heifer Int’l.	\$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  
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist  
John Spinks, Sexton

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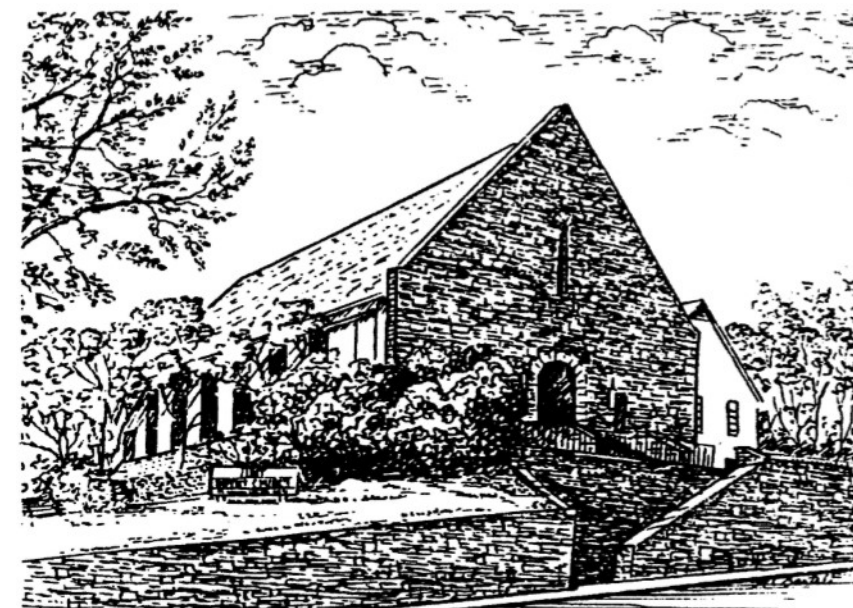
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**First Baptist Church  
Tryon, NC**



**December 23, 2018**

**Eleven O’clock in the Morning**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 23, 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.*

**Prelude** *Some Children See Him* -Burt  
*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* -arr. Eggert

**Lighting the Candle of Love** Keith Taylor

adapted from I Corinthians 13 and I John 4

As we light the candle of love, we pray for those who have never felt love, and for those who struggle to love others.

**Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**Love never ends.**

**Congregational Response** LYONS

*The candle of love tells what we are worth:*

*God loves us so much, God came to the earth!*

*An angel brought news of a child who would be*

*The one who would save us and set us all free.*

**Invocation** Phil Feagan

†**Hymn 85** *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

†**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

**Micah 5:2-5a** Mary Margaret Smith

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

**Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.**

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

**And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.**

†**Hymn 106** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Luke 1:46-55**(p. 57) Jeff Harris  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *All On a Starry Night* -Williams

**Sermon** "Mystery, Majesty, and Mary" 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** Tradd Hodge

**Offering and Meditation** -Berry

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

†**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.

### DEPARTING TO SERVE

†**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** *Voluntary on an Old English Carol (Noel)* -Dixon

†Please stand if you are able.

### Christmas Food Boxes Given in Honor or Memory 2018

Don & Carol Batts	In Memory of James & Mabel Chambers
Don & Carol Batts	In Memory of Joseph P. Wray
Don & Carol Batts	In Honor of Bud and Georgia Pace
The Dusenbury Family	In Memory of Debbie Garrett
Mike & Di Greene	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Chambers
Mike & Di Greene	In Memory of Mr. Charles Greene
The Justice Family	In Memory of Ned Covil, Herman & Erie Justice
Dean & Marilyn Kimbrell	In Memory of 1 Lt. Timothy Cunningham
The McEntire Family	In Honor of Gerald & Carole McEntire
The McEntire Family	In Honor of Ellis & Linda Fincher
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Bill and Dot McFarland
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Johnny Shytle
Billy & Kim McFarland	In Memory of Vailon & Louvenia Shytle
Linda W. Martin	In Memory of Ramey J. Martin
Linda W. Martin	In Honor of the Stewart J. Martin Family
Linda W. Martin	In Honor of the Steven L. Martin Family
Linda W. Martin	In Honor of the Jeffrey W. Martin Family
Linda W. Martin	In Honor of the Jonathan D. Martin Family
Rick Poole	In Honor of Jim & Rachel Hawkins
Ken & Leslie Raymond	In Memory of Sam Pace, Charles Sylvia, Bill Reddix
Frances Wray	In Memory of Joseph P. Wray