

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 8	9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 pm	Worship
Tuesday, December 10	5:00 pm	Annual Christmas Dinner—Sunnydale
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, December 11	6:30 pm	Sisterhood—Beth McCallister's Home
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Acolytes: Laney Littlefield and Durham McEntire**

**Children's Church Workers: Jodi Harris**

**Nursery: Linda Fincher ; 2's & 3's: Joyce Scoggins**

**Here is the adult teaching schedule and text for the next few weeks:**

December 8, Isaiah 11:1-10	Stephen Brady
December 15, Isaiah 35:1-10	Stephen Brady
December 22, Isaiah 7:10-16	Don Batts
December 29, Isaiah 63:7-19	Don Batts

**Youth Christmas ParTAY!** Follow your red noses over to the Harris' house on Sunday, December 15th, at 4:00pm for some FUN and FOOD. Bring a gift under \$10 (mild or wild), and we will play THAT game again (no gambling, but dice ARE involved). And a few other surprises, too! Plan to stay while (but it's not a lock-in...hahaha).

**Christmas Caroling.** Christmas is a time for traditions and reaching out. Join us for both of these things when we go CHRISTMAS CAROLING to a few of our homebound members on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. The kids (and adults) can ride in the back of the trucks, and the young at heart can ride in cars as we bring Christmas cheer around Tryon. We will meet at 3pm in the Activity Building parking lot, and after we carol, we will end up at El Sureño for our annual tradition of chips and salsa.

**The children's choir will sing in worship on Dec. 15.** They will practice that morning at 9:30am.

**Give the Gift of Food.** Give the gift of a Thermal Belt Outreach Food Box to a family in Polk County in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$20, and envelopes are on the table as you exit.

### December 1, 2019

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 10,199	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,887
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 7,929	Kathy's Kids	\$ 50
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 369,074		
YTD Plan Goal	\$ 380,592		

Total Committed to Capital Campaign	\$1,047,860
Total Received for Capital Campaign (through November)	\$ 721,765

**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 on the front table with the bulletins, 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.

**Baskets for recycling bulletins are located at the exits.**

### DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS—KATHY'S KIDS

Kathy Ashley will be able to give you a name of a needy child at Tryon Elementary School. Contact her directly by calling her at (828) 329-5268. If you are not able to shop for a child, you may give a donation through the church marked "Kathy's Kids" and she (or members of Sisterhood) will do the shopping. You may also see Di Greene for details.

#### OFFERING - DECEMBER

Shelvie Foust, Lead Deacon; Keith Collins, Ed Justice, Stephanie Mathis, Phil Pleasants

#### GREETERS—DECEMBER

Phil & Joyce Scoggins—Front  
Charles Stafford  
Nancy Brady

#### DIACONATE

Keith Collins, Chair; Phil Feagan, Vice-Chair;  
Sadie McKaig, Don Batts, Phillip Edwards, Beth McCallister,  
Shelvie Foust, Mason Jackson, Stephanie Mathis

#### CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor  
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music  
Jodi Harris, Minister of Education and Children  
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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 8, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“PREPARE HIM ROOM”

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Opportunities of the Week Jodi Harris

Trinity Chime John Spinks

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

Wake us up, O Lord,  
**to the beauty and goodness that surround us.**  
Teach us patience and stillness, O Lord,  
**so that every heart may prepare Him room.**  
Guide us in your way of simplicity, O Lord,  
**as heaven and nature sing.**

Voluntary *What Child Is This?* -Lee

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Jimmy, Donna, Laney, and Mason Littlefield

In the midst of violence,  
God lights a candle of peace in our hearts.

**We wait together for a Savior,  
who will be Emmanuel, Christ the Lord.**

Hear the word of the Lord:

**By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78-79

Choral Response *Emmanuel* McGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

Invocation Jaime Fitzgerald

†Hymn 89 *O Come, AllYe Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

†Passing of 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

†Hymn 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Isaiah 11:1-10 Phil Scoggins

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

**but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the  
wicked.**

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

**The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.**

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as  
the waters cover the sea.

Anthem *He Shall Be Called* -Callaway

Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 8) Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Possibility of Peace" Jeff Harris

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

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 -Schram

*Holy Child in a Manger*

†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.  
Amen.

### DEPARTING TO SERVE

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Postlude *Silent Night (Meditation #1)* -Norian

†Please stand if you are able.

### "Prepare Him Room" Advent 2019

Advent offers an opportunity to reorient our lives by examining our habits and our living. One of the collective habits that plague many of us is social media and 24-hour cable news. These mediums are designed to attract clicks and viewers through sensationalist stories that anger and manipulate. I wonder what would happen if we spent less time on these platforms and more time in silence and prayer? I hope you will join me in a fast from social media/24-hour cable news as we seek to "prepare Him room" this Advent.—Jeff