

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 15	9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Community Chorus Concert—PCHS
Monday, December 16	4:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party at the Harris Home
	6:00 pm	Brotherhood at Calvert's Kitchen
Tuesday, December 17	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, December 18	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 19	5:00 pm	Staff Christmas Party at the Harris Home

Acolytes: Ellie Baughman and Gabriel Gates

Children's Church Workers: Jodi Harris

Nursery: Peggy Edwards; 2's & 3's: Nancy Brady

Adult teaching schedule and text for the next few weeks:

December 15, Isaiah 35:1-10	Stephen Brady
December 22, Isaiah 7:10-16	Don Batts
December 29, Isaiah 63:7-19	Don Batts
January 5, Ephesians 1:1-14	Phil Scoggins

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

Community Chorus Concert. The Community Chorus will present their Christmas Concert "Remembering Decembers" at 3pm today, at Polk County High School. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the door. Proceeds help fund music scholarships from the Rotary Club.

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.

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 8, 2019

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 8,913	Capital Campaign	\$ 3,111
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 7,929	Kathy's Kids	\$ 745
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 377,987	Food Boxes	\$ 140
YTD Plan Goal	\$ 388,521		

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 15, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“PREPARE HIM ROOM”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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 *Good King Wenceslas* -Norian

Children's Choir *Light One Candle* -Sleeth

Lighting the Candle of Joy Justin, Andrea, and Finley Lay

In the midst of sorrow,
God lights a candle of joy in our hearts.
**We wait together for a Savior,
who will be Emmanuel, Christ the Lord.**
Hear the word of the Lord:
**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** Psalm 95:1

Choral Response *Emmanuel* McGEE

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

Invocation Harper Harris

†Hymn 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

†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

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

Isaiah 35:1-10 Carol Batts

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
**They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.**
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
**Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."**
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
**then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
**the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;**
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
**A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.**
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
**they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.**
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
**they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Anthem *One Small Child* -Meece

Paula Edwards, soloist

Matthew 11:2-11 Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Are You the One?" Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 118 *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

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 Billy McFarland

Offering and Meditation *O Come, Little Children* -Fettke

†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 *Praise the Saviour, All Ye Nations* -Leaf

†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