

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## O Come, Emmanuel

Welcome & Ritual of Friendship Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Prelude *Fantasia on "O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Arnold  
Baxter Jennings, organist

\*Call to Worship Jerry Perdue

Leader: The time has drawn near.

**People: We watch, we wait expectantly,  
for the Good News of God.**

Leader: A child has been born for us, a son given to us:

**People: Emmanuel, God is With Us.**

Leader: For long ago we were promised that  
God would dwell with us forever;

**People: The Word became Flesh and lived among us.**

Leader: As we wait for Christmas, we wait for Christ  
to come again.

**People: Jesus, the One Who Saves, be born in us today.**

\*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

**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,  
forever. Amen**

\*Hymn 156 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST  
FLORIDUM

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 7: 10-16 (pg. 577) Pam Burgess  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 1: 18-25 (pg.835)

The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able

Lighting of the Advent Candle Mary Kirk/Linda Lewis Class

*We light the Advent candle of Love, recognizing the gift of  
the Christ child, by which we know the joy of being loved by  
our God.*

Call to Prayer *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM  
Janet Boucher, Soprano soloist MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things  
that are, that have been, that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

Morning Prayer Dr. Grammer

## With Gifts Brought

\*Hymn 165 *I Wonder as I Wander* I WONDER AS I WANDER

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *The Lord Has Comforted His People* Saint-Saëns

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn 809 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## With Minds Prepared

Anthem *Still, Still, Still* arr. Luboff

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.  
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping,  
Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.  
The night is peaceful all around you,  
close your eyes, let sleep surround you,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.  
While guardian angels without number  
watch you as you sweetly slumber.  
Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

Sermon *What Christmas is All About—Love* Dr. Grammer

## With Lived Love

\*Hymn 161 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

The Church at Work Dr. Grammer

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Sevenfold Amen* Lutkin

Postlude *Alleluia! The Lord Is Coming!* Saint-Saëns

*Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the inaugural season of the  
Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the  
coming of Christ; thus, it is a season of both joyous and solemn  
expectation. The liturgical color is purple, symbolic of a spirit of  
preparation.*

## Advent Candle Spotlight

### MARY KIRK/LINDA LEWIS BIBLE CLASS

The Mary Kirk Bible Class was organized in January of 1936 in  
the Young People's Department with Mary Kirk as teacher.  
The first name of the class was "The Glad Girls." Later as the  
ladies grew in age, changing to "The Young Business Women";  
and in the mid-1950's, it became "The Mary Kirk Bible Class."  
In 1960, Louise Fulcher was asked to co-teach. In its prime, the  
group numbered over 50 members. Recent years have brought  
many changes, including merging with the Linda Lewis Class.  
The class format includes an in-depth presentation of the  
lesson with questions and comments encouraged. Outreach is  
a major goal of this class, and we feel an obligation to keep in  
touch with our homebound members.

## Prayer Reminder

**CHURCH FAMILY:** John Abbott, Nancy and Jim Barnett,  
Alice Bowman, Iva Burnett, Ruth Dandridge, Karen Doss,  
Lil Doyle, Martha Drane, John Fulcher, Jean and Boyd Gray,  
George Lester, Mary Lou McGoldrick, Marvin Midkiff,  
Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Hal Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton,  
Benny and Betty Shires, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams.

**IN APPRECIATION: SAMARITAN'S PURSE:** A gift has been  
given in honor of Hank Mattox by the Centennial Fellowship  
Class. **GENERAL FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of  
Harry Dandridge by Helen Dandridge.

## Opportunities for the Week

### **Sunday, December 22**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Called Business Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Church Office & ELC closed  
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

### **Wednesday, December 25**

Church office & ELC closed  
10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Richard's Dinner

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 23 David Tollison, 24 Mary Alice Bowman, Boyd Gray, Kitty Ratcliff, 26 James Stokes, 30 Timothy Fuller, 31 Jim Frith

### **Worship Care Schedule**

Sunday, December 22- Linda Moore & Brenda Hundley  
Sunday, December 29- Martha Perdue & Linda Read

### **Called Business Meeting Today at 12:15 p.m.**

The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Offering Envelopes**

You may pick up your 2020 offering envelopes in the Narthex.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will tell the story of Christ's birth from the scriptures, we will sing carols, we will share in communion, and we will share the Light of Christ through the lighting of the Christ candle and passing of the light.

### **Richard's Christmas Dinner, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. here at First Baptist in the Fellowship Hall.  
To donate, contact Grace Network at (276) 638-8500  
To volunteer, call (276) 732-3422  
To order meals, call (276) 403-9557



**Grace Network Food Assignment: Oct.-Dec.**  
Canned Tuna or Meats (5oz.)  
Please leave food in room 103.

### **Church Christmas Lunch, Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Lunch tickets are \$13.00 and can be purchased through the Hospitality Committee or the church office.  
**All reservations must be made by Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
If you would like to provide a dessert, please call the church office. The menu will be: Turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, broccoli salad, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, and homemade desserts.



### **Epiphany Concert**

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

### **Warming Center Collection**

During the month of December, we will collect needed items for the new Martinsville and Henry Co. Warming Center. Items needed are warm socks, warm gloves, bottled water, cleaning supplies, and individually wrapped breakfast and snacks items. Please leave donations in Room 103.

### **Deacons of the Month**

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

**December Deacons of the Month:** Joe Hundley  
Stephens Turner



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#### **Mission Statement:**

*The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.*

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