

# A Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.

## O Come, Immanuel

Welcome & Ritual of Friendship Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Prelude *Suite in D* Telemann  
Baxter Jennings, organist

\*Call to Worship *Inspired by Isaiah 35: 1-10* Jerry Perdue

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

**People: We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.**

Leader: We watch for the day when all God's people will come together with singing.

**People: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of God!

**People: We wait in worship for the coming of our Light.**

\*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 173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 35: 1-10 (pg. 615) Herb Collins

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

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:2-11 (pg.844)

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

\*Please stand as you are able

Lighting of the Advent Candle Centennial Fellowship Class

*We light the candle of Joy, rejoicing in God's good will for all creation, and opening ourselves to God's gentle, transforming love. May God fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.*

Call to Prayer *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Morning Prayer Dr. Grammer

## With Gifts Brought

\*Hymn 337 *When the King Shall Come Again* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Prayer of Dedication Ross Gale

Offertory *My Spirit Rejoices in God My Saviour* Vivaldi

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 *Mary, Mary* AVERY/MARSH  
Marsha Frith, alto soloist

Mary, Mary, what you gonna name that baby?  
What you gonna name that Holy baby?  
Slaves we are and looking for a master,  
Why don't we call him Lord?  
Sh! Let's all call him Lord!

Mary, Mary, what you gonna call that baby?  
We like our sheep need someone to guide us,  
Why don't you call him Shepherd?  
Sh! Let's all call him Shepherd!

Mary, Mary, what you gonna call that baby?  
What you gonna call that baby?  
Hungry and poor, we need someone to save us,  
Why don't we call him Savior?  
Sh! Let's all call him Savior!

Oh, Mary, Mary, what you gonna call that baby?

What you gonna call that holy baby?  
King's of the world, we seek someone to rule us,  
Why don't you call him King?  
Sh! Let's all call him King!

Let's all call him King!  
Savior! – King! – Shepherd! – Lord!

Sermon *Coming Joy* Dr. Grammer

## With Lived Hope

\*Hymn 157 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

\*Benediction Dr. Grammer

\*Benediction Response *Fourfold Amen* Stainer

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in G* Telemann

*Today is the Third 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

### MEN'S CENTENNIAL FELLOWSHIP CLASS

Organized in 1984, this group of men studies through the whole Bible in a relaxed atmosphere. The studies are discussion-based and encourage class member participation. The class studies lessons from *Nurturing Faith* literature and to date has read through and studied the whole Bible at least three times.

## 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 CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** The family of Walter (Pinky) Milstead who passed away December 6, 2019. The graveside service was December 10, 2019.

The family of Joy Philpott who passed away December 11, 2019. A private inurnment service was held at Roselawn.

## Opportunities for the Week\*

### **Sunday, December 15**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:00 p.m. Drop-In at the Pastor's House

### **Monday, December 16**

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel

### **Tuesday, December 17**

12:00 p.m. Advent Devotion- FBC Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, December 18**

6:00 p.m. Longest Night Service-Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, December 19**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. ELC Christmas Pageant & Reception

**\*See insert for Upcoming Advent & Christmas Opportunities**

**IN APPRECIATION:** MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in honor of the Helen Horne Sunday School Class by Roslyn Wingett. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Pinky Milstead by Lee and George Lester.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 18 Avery Mills, 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 15<sup>th</sup>- Nancy & Roy Thomas  
Sunday, December 22- Linda Moore & Brenda Hundley

### **Called Business Meeting Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 p.m.**

To vote on the recommended Deacon Nominations for 2020.

## Holiday Drop-in at the Pastor's House TODAY!

Dr. Libby Grammer and her family invite you to drop by their home to fellowship together from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*If you'd like to bring your favorite appetizer, dessert, or drink, please sign up in the church office and arrive at 2:45 p.m.*

## Sanctuary Christmas Decorations

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary, there are forms in the Narthex. Your gift will be acknowledged Sunday, December 22.

## 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.

## Mission Action for December

Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army, Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Ongoing Collections for Missions are: old eye glasses and gently used bibles. Please leave 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.

## 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



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



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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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