

A Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

New Zoom Call-in Number: 1-833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336

O Come, Immanuel

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Prelude *Pastorale in A Major* Vivaldi
Baxter Jennings, organist

*Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: O, that we would know You are present with us!

People: O God, tear open the heavens and come down!

Leader: O, that we would turn back to Your ways!

People: O God, tear open the heavens and come down!

Leader: O, that we would remember how You are the God of our ancestors!

People: O God, tear open the heavens and come down!

Leader: O, that You would forgive us of our sins,

People: O God, come and be present with us.

Leader: O, that we would wake up, and watch for You,

People: O God, we know You are coming into our world, and into our lives in a new way.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

*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 133 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 William Underwood

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

*Please stand as you are able

*Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle Taylor Robertson
We light the Candle of Hope, and dare to open the dark places in our lives to the healing light of Christ. May our hearts be prepared for the coming of Christ and the creative, transformative power of hope.

Children's Worship Pastor Libby and Mrs. Becky

*Praise & Worship
Emmanuel, Awesome God, Soon and Very Soon

With Minds Prepared

Sermon *A Waiting Season* Dr. Grammer

With Lived Hope

*Hymn 104 *There's Something about That Name* THAT NAME

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Amen* Traditional

Postlude *Trumpet Piece in D Major* Torelli

Today is the First 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

Each Sunday during Advent, some of our newer church families will read the texts and light the candles of the Advent wreath. Reading the text today is Taylor Robertson, who attends our Journey Small Group for Young Adults virtually each week and attends worship virtually as well.

Taylor is a native of Martinsville, and started attending FBC in June after hearing Libby speak at the Martinsville Unity March. Taylor had been looking for a church that cared about social and racial justice, and FBC seemed like a good place to check out. Taylor says she has enjoyed the virtual services and the conversations in the Journey Small Group.

Taylor is a 12th Grade Government Teacher in the Warrior Tech Program at Magna Vista High School and also the part-time Market Manager for the Uptown Martinsville Farmers Market. She is working on her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

Taylor's hobbies are Reading (she always welcomes good fiction recommendations), True Crime TV shows and podcasts, and cooking and baking recipes she sees on Food Network. Taylor lives near the church with her dog Mei (2-year-old Chow-Chow mix). Her boyfriend of one year is Ryan Vecchia, who lives in Kernersville.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Jean Gray, George Lester, Gene Medley, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny and Betty Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams, Ken Winters

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School- Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Zoom

Monday, November 30

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Zoom

Wednesday, December 2

6:45 p.m. Prayer Time-Zoom

7:00 p.m. Advent Study-Zoom

Thursday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Zoom

Saturday, December 5

5:00 P.M. Christmas Drive Thru Event

Chatham Heights Baptist Parking Lot

To join our online meetings, note that we are once again using **Zoom.** Join using <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2766326336> or call in toll-free 1-833-548-0276 Meeting ID 276 632 6336

November Birthday: 29 Libby Grammer

December Birthdays: 4 Lee Lester, Jeanette Stone, 6 Jean Rood, 11 Danny Baptist, 13 Ebb Williams, Howard Fringer 18 Avery Mills, 24 Kitty Ratcliff, 26 James Stokes, 31 Jim Frith

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Boyd Gray by The John Kirk Sunday School Class, Howard and Elaine Fringer, John and Judy Hall, Joan Roach, Kenneth Covington, Steve and Joan Haynes, Tom and Jackie Peele, Teresa and David Buchanan, and Roy and Linda Cooksey. FULLER DAVIS MUSIC: A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray, Ann Owen, Nancy Barnett, and David Doss by Ruth Dandridge. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray by Ray and Linda Cooksey

Hymn 133 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine
advent here; and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light! *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly
home; make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world
with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

Hymn 104 *There's Something about That Name* THAT NAME
106 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* HEARN

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name!
Master, Savior. Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
but there's something about that name.

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Praise Song *Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (x2)

Praise Song *Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above With
wisdom, pow'r, and love; Our god is an awesome God! Our God! (x2)

Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

Praise Song *Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Announcements

Advent Kits/Poinsettias -If you would like to sponsor an Advent Kit/Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please let the church office know by phone or by email. We will include the names of those who have sponsored kits in our Fourth Sunday of Advent bulletin on Sunday, December 20th.

Women on Mission is sponsoring a churchwide mission offering for December with Heifer International. For \$300, we will provide a community with the Gift of Clean Water. You may write a check or use one of the special envelopes and write "Heifer International" in the "for" line. You can mail or bring it by the church or give online, adding Heifer International in the memo line.

Our Journey Small Group and the Missions Committee invite you to join us as we volunteer with the MHC Emergency Feeding Program packing boxes with donated food to be handed out to those in need. We need a group of 10 or more to pack for two hours on **Saturday, December 5th**, 3pm to 5pm. If you feel comfortable coming out to volunteer (masks and social distancing required), **please call or email the church office to let us know you're coming!**

Deacons of the Month

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

December Deacons of the Month: Stevens Turner and Bill Sapp

Grace Network October-December 2020 Food Assignment

Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy)
Please drop the food off at the church.

Warming Center December Food Donations

Pre-packaged foods: Oatmeal packets, pop tarts.



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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.