

A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

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

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #,#

O Come, Emmanuel

Prelude *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Lenel
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

*Call to Worship

Hymn 140 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* EMMANUEL

Leader: Welcome, dear people, God has blessed our gathering.

People: We come again on this journey, following the light.

Leader: God's light shines for us today, bringing peace and comfort.

People: May we, like Mary, respond to God's presence and love, with confident joy.

*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 178 *Mary's Boy Child* HAIRSTON

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 1:26-38

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Libby Grammer, William Underwood, Elena

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.

Children's Worship

Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky

Solo

*For Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth
The People That Walked in Darkness*

William Underwood

Handel's "Messiah"

With Minds Prepared

Sermon

Holy Interruptions

Dr. Grammer

With Lived Love

*Hymn 145

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM
MYSTERIUM

*Benediction

Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response

Amen

Dresden

Postlude

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Bach

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.

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of Augustin Jameson (A.J.) Collins. He was born on October 24, 2020 and is the grandson of Becky and Joe Collins.

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 Libby Grammer & William Underwood, with their daughter Elena Ruth Grammer-Underwood. Libby became pastor at First Baptist in August 2018, and Elena was born in September 2018. Their ministry among us is not just Libby's pastorate, though. William provides gifts with our technology, the ELC Committee, and reading our scriptures in worship. He also sings regularly, and during the pandemic has assisted with worship live streaming and recording. Elena attends our ELC during the week and worship on Sundays, so she feels like this is her second home. She's a spunky two-year-old with lots of energy who's learning constantly. You'll often find the family hiking or sitting on their new deck around the fire pit with their three dogs: Paco, Boober, and Samson.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, John Fulcher, 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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 20

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Virtual

Monday, December 21

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

6:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service-Virtual

Wednesday, December 23

6:30 p.m. ELC Christmas Pageant-Virtual

Thursday, December 24

Church Office & ELC closed-Merry Christmas!

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service-Virtual

Friday, December 25

Church Office & ELC closed-Merry Christmas!

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: A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray by John Collins. A gift has been given in memory of June Grammer and Harriet Saunders by Judy Epperly. **MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray by David and Dottie Lewis.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Ken Winters who passed away Thursday, December 10th. Memorial plans will be made at a later date.

Thank You for Making Your 2021 Ministry Pledge! So far, for 2021 we have received 42 pledges totaling \$225,965. Last year in 2020, we had 51 pledges totaling \$206,263. Pledge cards are still available from the church office. Please contact Kaylee White at kaylee@fbcmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church!

Offering Envelopes for 2021 are now ready for pick up. You can come by the church to pick them up, or if you need them mailed to you, let the church office know.

Hymn 140 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* EMMANUEL

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

Hymn 178 *Mary's Boy Child* HAIRSTON

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy-child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day.

*Refrain: Hark now, hear the angels sing, new King's born today,
and we will live forevermore because of Christmas day.*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they saw a bright
new, shining star, and heard a choir from heaven sing,
the music came from afar.

Refrain

Now, Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night,
They found no place to bear her child, not a single room was in
sight.

By and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn,
and in a manger, cold and dark, Mary's little boy-child was born.

*Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,
that we will live forevermore because of Christmas day.*

Hymn 145 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM
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, and 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!

O ye heights of heaven, adore him, angel hosts, his praises sing,
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Announcements

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.
Raised to date: \$792.15

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

Warming Center December Food Donations

Pre-packaged foods: Oatmeal packets, pop tarts.

Grace Network October-December 2020 Food Assignment

Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy)

Please drop the food off at the church.



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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.



Season of Advent



In Appreciation

2020 Christmas Memorials

In Memory of

June Grammer	Marsha & Ronnie Garren
Rural & Lolene Gusler	by their family
Robert & Margaret Moore	Bob & Linda Moore
Doug & Margie Byrd	
Joelene White	LeeAnn & Frank Fuller
John Pedigo	Jeannie Pedigo & family
Ruth Rothrock	Pam & John Burgess
David Doss	Jean & Cliff Rood
Harold & Opal Nuñez	Becky & Joe Collins
June Grammer	Libby Grammer &
Albert Williams	William Underwood
Hugh Dandridge	Ruth Dandridge
Bill Wright	Helen Wright
Louise & John Fulcher, Sr.	John Fulcher, Jr.

In Honor of

The Worship Team	Frank Taylor
The Helen Horne Class	Roslyn Wingett
Lloyd & Betty Collins	Becky & Joe Collins
Augustin Jameson Collins	
The FBC & FBC ELC Staff	Libby Grammer