

A Service of Worship & Communion

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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, Emmanuel

Prelude *Bless the Lord, All his Angels* Mendelssohn
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

*Call to Worship

Hymn 140 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* EMMANUEL

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Dr. Grammer

**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 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* PROMISED ONE

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Mark 1:1-8

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kaylee & Austin White, Adalyn
*We light the Candle of Peace, knowing full well that peace is elusive.
May we trust that even where there is war and discord, God is never
absent from us, but is always gently leading us to new possibilities.*

Children's Worship

Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky

*Hymn 136 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* PUER NOBIS

*Please stand as you are able

With Minds Prepared

Sermon *The Gospel According to Mark* Dr. Grammer

Litany of Confession

Leader: God, we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it
to the light.

**People: We have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.**

Leader: Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.

**People: Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

With Lived Peace

*Hymn 163 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS'
ENTSPRUNGEN

*Benediction

Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Response *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
(verse 3) MENDELSSOHN

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Albinoni

***Today is the Second 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 Kaylee & Austin White. Together with
their daughter Adalyn Grace, Kaylee & Austin have been attending
First Baptist Church since Kaylee was hired as our Financial
Secretary earlier this year. They have been living in Martinsville
for just about a year now and are originally from Upstate New
York.

Kaylee and Austin met in their senior year of high school and have
been married for about 4.5 years. They made the big move to
Virginia because of the cost of living and the better weather. Their
family still lives in New York, but they hope to get them to move
this way! They love their new home here.

They have a dog Sara, who is an Akita Shepherd, and a cat, Junior.
Adalyn goes to the Early Learning Center here at First Baptist
Church and absolutely loves it. They are grateful that she has the
opportunity to attend the ELC and church here at FBC.

Austin loves buying and selling antiques in his spare time and
specializes in antique tools. We love spending time outdoors as a
family. Now that Adalyn is a little older, we would like to start
camping again and seeing what Virginia has to offer.

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, Ken Winters

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Dr. Libby Grammer and her family in
the loss of her grandmother, June Grammer. The funeral was held
in Georgia on Saturday, November 28th.

Tom Hall and his family in the loss of his sister, Susan Yates who
passed away on Saturday, November 28th.

Richard Dorr and his family in the loss of his sister, Harriette
Saunders who passed away on Saturday, November 28th.

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in
memory of Boyd Gray by Mary Willis, Roger and Sylvia Handy,
Carolyn Dance, Marie King, and Josephine Gray. **LIBRARY FUND:** A
gift has been given in honor of David and Dottie Lewis by Benny and
Betty Shires.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Zoom

12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting-Zoom

5:00 p.m. Drive-thru Christmas

Chatham Heights Baptist Parking Lot

Monday, December 7

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Wednesday, December 9

6:45 p.m. Prayer Time-Zoom

7:00 p.m. Advent Study-Zoom

Thursday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

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

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

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 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* PROMISED ONE

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth' thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine ow eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymn 136 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* PUER NOBIS

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh:
awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God
within, and so prepare to be the home where such a mighty guest
may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without you grace we waste away like flowers that wither and
decay.

To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

Hymn 163 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS'
ENTSPRUNGEN

Lo! how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

Hymn 171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #, #

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Cards for M/HC Jails

This year, our Missions Committee has partnered with Chaplain Joe Collins of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry to provide Christmas cards for the corrections officers in the Martinsville and Henry County Jails. To join us in this ministry, simply buy a couple of extra Christmas cards and write them to a Corrections Officer and bring them by the church by December 14th. For guidelines on how to write your cards, please contact the church office.



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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.