



First Baptist Church

December 7, 2014

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday in Advent

The Worship of God

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Préambule* -Louis Vierne

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Choral Introit – The Promise of Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle Gingi, Mitch, and Ashlyn Green

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines* (see back of bulletin)

Prayer of Hope Gingi, Mitch, and Ashlyn Green

†Hymn of Praise 88 *Hark, the Herald, Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

†Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time "Mr. Skip" Williams

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for children's church after The Children's Time.)

Many, many thanks for all my cards, phone calls, and visits. I truly appreciate all the thoughts and prayers from my church family. – Margaret Ballew

November 30, 2014

Weekly Budget Giving \$ 7,495

I Love My Church \$ 1,862

Weekly Budget Goal \$ 6,674

YTD Budget Giving \$ 295,070

YTD Budget Goal \$ 320,352

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The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor

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E. Leslie Raymond, Organist

Sandy Frady, Handbell Choir Director

John Spinks, Sexton

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 634) Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Ron Frady

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory
may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss
each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will
look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

New Testament Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a (p. 227) Candace Wilson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Dedication 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Offertory Prayer Verae Upton

Offertory and Meditation *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* -arr. Cindy Berry

†Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Old 100th

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28 (p. 89) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Carols Around (and Around)* -arr. Nygard

Sermon Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Response 101 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Where the Promise Shines (see back of bulletin)*

Postlude *Fugue in F Minor* -J.S. Bach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 7	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Christmas Program
Tuesday, December 9	5:45	pm	Annual Christmas Dinner
	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, December 10	10:00	am	NO Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 11	6:00	pm	Sisterhood meets at Calvert's Kitchen
Sunday, December 14	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Community Chorus Concert, PCHS
	5:00	pm	Refuge Christmas Party

Acolytes for the service are Katie Cothran and Campbell Mathis.

We thank Crys Armbrust, our guest organist this morning.

If you are a guest, we offer you a warm welcome and hope you will experience a meaningful time of worship. As your offering today, please complete a welcome card, found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate.

Brotherhood is sponsoring a coat drive during the winter months - bring coats, sweaters, and hoodies - all sizes, new or used! We'll take them to Thermal Belt Outreach every time the box is full. There is a collection box in the closet opposite the Lair Sunday School Room.

Our December mission focus is **the Stocking Tree** which is sponsored by Sisterhood. The tree is in the narthex today and next **Sunday (December 14)**. Fifty names of needy children (*Kathy's Kids*) from Tryon Elementary School are on the tree. **Please sign** the list when you take a name. The clothes and gifts for the children need to be at the Tryon Elementary office by 2pm **Monday, December 15**.

Sisterhood will meet at 6pm on **Thursday, December 11**, at Calvert's Kitchen.



YOU ARE INVITED!

to

“Sing Around the World”

and

the Annual Christmas Dinner

When: Sunday December 7, 5pm

Where: First Baptist Church of Tryon

The evening begins with the Preschool Children singing, followed by “Sing Around the World” by Crystal Davis Clay, presented by the Children’s Choir. After the program, we’ll have Christmas Dinner in the Activity Building. Meat, bread, and beverages are provided. Please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts to the Activity Building *prior* to the children’s program.



Advent and Christmas 2014

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| November 30
11:00am
4:15pm | First Sunday of Advent (Hope)
Worship, I Love My Church Offering
Children’s Choir (grades 1-5) Dress Rehearsal
No Evening Activities (Fifth Sunday) |
| December 7
11:00am
5:00 pm

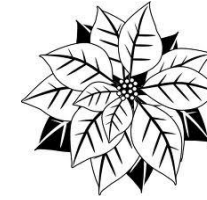
After program | Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)
Worship
The Children’s Choir presents <i>Sing Around the World</i> , Sanctuary
Christmas Dinner, Activity Building. Meat, bread, and beverages are provided. Please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts |
| December 14
11:00am
3:00pm
5:00pm | Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Worship
Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School
Refuge Christmas Party |
| December 21
11:00am

3:00pm | Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)
Worship, Chancel Choir presents <i>Season of Rejoicing</i> by Calloway and Cabaniss
Christmas Caroling – we’ll leave the church at 3 to carol and end with a meal at El Sureño afterward. |
| December 24
5:00pm | Christmas Eve Worship
(with candlelight and communion) |
| December 25 | Merry Christmas! (Office closed 12/25) |



**The following have placed poinsettias in the sanctuary for the
2014 Christmas season:**

Hub and Joyce Arledge, in memory of Adella "Dell" Ballew
Hub and Joyce Arledge, in memory of their parents
Robert Earl and RuthAnn Arledge, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Littlefield, Jay Littlefield, and Mr. and Mrs. Birch Arledge
Carroll and June Brady, in memory of their parents
Carl and Dawn Campbell, in memory of Charles and Evelyn Tate
Carl and Dawn Campbell, in memory of R.L. and Rachel Williams
Keith and Debbie Collins, in memory of Ned Covil
Diane and Katie Cothran, in memory of DarLa Lynette Owen
Carrie Greene, in memory of my dear friend, Reagan Hartley
Howard and Mary Greene, in memory of Thurston and Margaret Arledge
Howard and Mary Greene, in memory of Charles and Edith Lankford
Peggy and Bernard Edwards, in memory of our parents
Shirley and Fred Edwards, in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips
Eloise Johnson, Christa and Damon, in memory of Chris Johnson
JT and Cathy Johnson, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. JT Johnson, Sr.
Ed Justice Family, in memory of Ned Covil, Herman and Erie Justice
Rick and Beth McCallister, in honor of our granddaughter, Lucy Meredith; and in loving memory of our daughter, Meredith
Charles and Lib McKeller, in memory of our parents, Helen and Grady Wyatt, Dean and Elizabeth Richardson, and Shelly Roy McKeller
Ken and Leslie Raymond, in memory of their grandmothers Julia Raymond, June Smith, Shirley Miller, and Elsie Spanier
Susan Smith, in memory of parents Bill and Mary Jordan and in-laws Cecil and Julie Smith
Skip Williams, in memory of Dorothy Williams
Brandon, Gretchen, Regan, and Justice Zoch, in honor of Jodi, Jeff, Harper, Simms, and Tilly Harris



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