

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 17	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	3:00	pm	Christmas Caroling—El Sureno after
Monday, December 18	1:00	pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30	pm	Brotherhood—Calvert’s Kitchen
Tuesday, December 19	6:00	pm	Deacons
Wednesday, December 20	6:30	pm	Chancel Choir

Today’s acolytes are Oakley Whiteside and Hattie Jolly Crawford.

The third Sunday of each month we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit.

After worship, Refuge is baking cookies to deliver to homebound members as we carol. Lunch is provided.

Surprise someone this Christmas by giving the gift of food! You may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are available at the exits.

Brotherhood meets Monday, December 18, at Calvert’s Kitchen in Columbus, at 6:30pm. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

The Annual Shepherd’s Feast is Christmas Day, at Polk Middle School, from 1pm-4pm. Come for turkey and all the trimmings! This feast is for young and old, those who have plenty, and those who have little. For more information, to volunteer, or offer desserts, please contact Carlann and Dave Scherping at (828) 894-3253, or email them at cscherping@gmail.com.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up. If they are not in your Sunday School room, you may pick them up in the parlor.

Please have all year-end contributions into the church office by Sunday, December 31.

Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

- Dec 17 Third Sunday of Advent, Mary**
-Christmas Caroling, 3pm, dinner at El Sureno to follow.
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm**
-Join us for candlelight, carols, and communion. This is a kid-friendly service, with an opportunity for children to participate in an “Impromptu Nativity.” Nursery is provided. Pre-service music by Donis Schweizer and Kay Greene will start at 3:40pm. We will not have Sunday School or Morning Worship on Christmas Eve.
- Dec 31 First Sunday of Christmas, Wise Men**
-Carol service, 11am

December 10, 2017

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 6,029	Lottie Moon	\$ 110
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 6,830	Food Boxes	\$ 220
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 335,035		
YTD Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 341,500		

Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today. If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God’s love through our worship and among our congregation. If this is your first time with us, please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate later in worship. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer you in appreciation of your presence.

Nursery Care is provided for children from birth to three years during Worship and Sunday School.

Children, ages 4-Kindergarten, may remain in worship or may exit after the Children’s Time for a special time of worship and play. Parents may join them, or stay for the remainder of worship.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Baskets for recycling bulletins are located at the exits.

DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS

December Mission – Kathy’s Kids - Kathy Ashley will be available to give you a name of a needy child at Tryon Elementary School this year. Contact her directly. If you are not able to shop for a child, you can give a donation through the church marked "Kathy's Kids" and Kathy or members of Sisterhood will do the shopping.

OFFERING - DECEMBER

Keith Collins—Lead Deacon, Elizabeth Burrell, Franklin Williams, Shelvie Foust, Ed Justice

GREETERS—DECEMBER

Phil and Joyce Scoggins—Front
Renae Waldman—Hall
Brian Jones—Side

DIACONATE

Elizabeth Burrell, Chair, Phil Scoggins, Vice-Chair, Ellis Fincher, Ron Frady, Danny Fox, Susan Smith, Phil Feagan, Keith Collins, Sadie McKaig

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music
The Reverend Jaime Fitzgerald, Minister to Youth
Kay Greene, Pianist
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist
John Spinks, Sexton

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**First Baptist Church
Tryon, NC**



“Mary Sunday”

December 17, 2017

Eleven O’clock in the Morning

Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Ringing of the Hour

Jim Hawkins

Call to Worship

Light One Candle
Children's Choir

-Sleeth

Lighting the Advent Candles

Dean and Marilyn Kimbrell

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of Jesus, bearer of the Way.

†Hymn 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

†Invocation

Jaime Fitzgerald

†Passing the Peace

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Time

"Mr. Skip" Williams

Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

†Hymn 101

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Ashlyn Green

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations."

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'"

Mary's Surprise

Mason and Taylor Jackson

Choral Response

Mary, Did You Know?
Men's Ensemble

-arr. Schrader

Luke 1:26-38 (p. 56)

Jaime Fitzgerald

Luke 1:46-55 (p. 57)

Jeff Harris

Anthem

Carols Around (and A Round)

-Nygard

Sermon

"The First Disciple"

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 106

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.

†Offertory Prayer

Rachel Vining

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Fettke

Away in a Manger

†Doxology 253, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Jeff Harris

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Choral Response

Joy to the World!
Children's Choir

-Watts/Mason

Opportunities of the Week

Jaime Fitzgerald

Called Church Conference

Phil Feagan

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VENI EMMANUEL

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

-arr. Fleischer

Christmas Food Boxes Given in Honor or Memory 2017

Mike and Di Greene

In Memory of James Chambers

Mike and Di Greene

In Memory of Charles Greene

Jeff and Jodi Harris

In Honor of First Baptist Tryon

Ray and Becky Hudson

In Memory of Bill and Dot McFarland

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In Memory of CT and AnnieBell Hudson

Rion and Paulette MacDonald

In Memory of Ruth Taylor

Rion and Paulette MacDonald

In Memory of Harold Taylor

Beth and Rick McCallister

In Memory of Meredith McCallister

Billy and Kim McFarland

In Memory of Johnny Shytle

Billy and Kim McFarland

In Memory of Vail and Louvenia Shytle

Billy and Kim McFarland

In Memory of Bill and Dot McFarland

Phil and Hilda Pleasants

In Honor of Joyce and Phil Scoggins

Phil and Hilda Pleasants

In Honor of Beth and Rick McCallister

Phil and Hilda Pleasants

In Honor of Joan and Philip Feagan

Ken and Leslie Raymond

In Honor of our Congregation

Phil and Joyce Scoggins

In Memory of Fred and Shirley Edwards

Franklin Williams

In Memory of Dad and Mother