

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 1	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
Monday, December 2	5:30 pm	Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday, December 3	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	10:30 am	WMU Group I Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 4	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 5	1:00 pm	Visitation Team Meeting

Acolytes: Tilly Harris and Harper Harris.

Children's Church Workers: Susan Smith

Nursery: Linda Fincher; 2's & 3's: Jami Temple

Here is the adult teaching schedule and text for the next few weeks:

December 1, Matthew 24:32-44	Rachel Hawkins
December 8, Isaiah 11:1-10	Stephen Brady
December 15, Isaiah 35:1-10	Stephen Brady
December 22, Isaiah 7:10-16	Don Batts

You're Invited!

What: The Annual Christmas Dinner
When: Sunday, December 8, 5pm-7pm
Where: Sunnydale (334 S. Trade St.)

Please join us for our Christmas Dinner at Sunnydale, Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm. The Social Committee will serve ham, fried chicken, rolls, and beverages. We are asking the congregation to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts. Come for a great time of fellowship and fun!

Advent and Christmas at First Baptist Tryon

December 1	•First Sunday of Advent, Hope, 11am
December 8	•Second Sunday of Advent, Peace, 11am •Annual Christmas Dinner, Sunnydale, 5pm
December 15	•Third Sunday of Advent, Joy, 11am—Children sing in worship •Community Chorus Concert, Polk County High School, 3pm •Refuge Christmas Party at Harris', 4pm
December 19	•Staff Christmas Party at Harris', 5pm
December 22	•Fourth Sunday of Advent, Love, 11am •Christmas Caroling, 3pm, Dinner at El Sureño
December 24	•Christmas Eve Worship, 4pm
December 29	•First Sunday of Christmas, 11am
January 5	•Epiphany, 11am

Give the Gift of Food

Give the gift of a Thermal Belt Outreach Food Box to a family in Polk County in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$20, and envelopes are on the table as you exit.

November 24, 2019

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving \$	7,155	Capital Campaign \$	363
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal \$	7,929	Food Pantry \$	25
YTD Ministry Plan Giving \$	358,875		
YTD Plan Goal \$	372,663		

Total Committed to Capital Campaign	\$1,047,860
Total Received for Capital Campaign (through October)	\$ 709,620

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 on the front table with the bulletins, 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.

Baskets for recycling bulletins are located at the exits.

DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS—KATHY'S KIDS

Kathy Ashley will be able to give you a name of a needy child at Tryon Elementary School. Contact her directly by calling her at (828) 329-5268. If you are not able to shop for a child, you may give a donation through the church marked "Kathy's Kids" and she (or members of Sisterhood) will do the shopping. You may also see Di Greene for details.

OFFERING - DECEMBER

Shelvie Foust, Lead Deacon; Keith Collins,
Ed Justice, Stephanie Mathis, Phil Pleasants

GREETERS—DECEMBER

Phil & Joyce Scoggins—Front
Charles Stafford
Nancy Brady

DIACONATE

Keith Collins, Chair; Phil Feagan, Vice-Chair;
Sadie McKaig, Don Batts, Phillip Edwards, Beth McCallister,
Shelvie Foust, Mason Jackson, Stephanie Mathis

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music
Jodi Harris, Minister of Education and Children
Kay Greene, Pianist
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John Spinks, Sexton

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 1, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
"PREPARE HIM ROOM"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Opportunities of the Week

Jodi Harris

Trinity Chime

John Spinks

Call to Worship

Jeff Harris

Wake us up, O Lord,
to the beauty and goodness that surround us.
Teach us patience and stillness, O Lord,
so that every heart may prepare Him room.
Guide us in your way of simplicity, O Lord,
as heaven and nature sing.

Voluntary

-MacDowell/Lee

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming / To A Wild Rose

Lighting the Candle of Hope

The Benedicts

In the midst of despair,
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts.
**We wait together for a Savior,
who will be Emmanuel, Christ the Lord.**

Hear the word of the Lord:

**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O
God of our salvation;**

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the
farthest seas. Psalm 65:5

Choral Response

Emmanuel

McGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

Invocation

Dan Kimble

†Hymn 76

O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

†Passing of the Peace

Jeff Harris

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

Children's Time

Jodi Harris

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

†Hymn 88

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Isaiah 2:2-5

Carol Hickey

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be
established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be
raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

**Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to
the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us
his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of
the LORD from Jerusalem.

**He shall judge between the nations, and shall
arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their
swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning
hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the
LORD!

Anthem

A Christmas Prayer

-Larson

Romans 13:11-14 (p. 153)

Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Prepare Him Room"

Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 121

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (v. 1,2,5) MARGARET

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

Joyce Scoggins

Offering and Meditation

-Hayes

Of the Father's Love Begotten

†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.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

†Benediction

Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Postlude

Prepare the Way, O Zion

-Smith

†Please stand if you are able.

"Prepare Him Room" Advent 2019

Advent offers an opportunity to reorient our lives by examining our
habits and our living. One of the collective habits that plague many of
us is social media and 24-hour cable news. These mediums are
designed to attract clicks and viewers through sensationalist stories
that anger and manipulate. I wonder what would happen if we spent
less time on these platforms and more time in silence and prayer? I
hope you will join me in a fast from social media/24-hour cable news
as we seek to "prepare Him room" this Advent.—Jeff