

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 22	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Christmas Caroling, El Sureño Afterward
Tuesday, December 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 25		Office Closed—Merry Christmas!
Thursday, December 26		Office Closed—Merry Christmas!

**Acolytes: Oakley Whiteside and Rhys Jackson**

**Children's Church Workers: Jodi Harris**

**Nursery: Raye Dusenbury; 2's & 3's: Alyssa Wulliman**

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

December 22, Isaiah 7:10-16	Don Batts
December 29, Isaiah 63:7-19	Don Batts
January 5, Ephesians 1:1-14	Phil Scoggins
January 12, Acts 10:34-48	Phil Scoggins

**Christmas Caroling today.** Christmas is a time for traditions and reaching out. Join us for both of these things when we go CHRISTMAS CAROLING to a few of our homebound members on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. The kids (and adults) can ride in the back of the trucks, and the young at heart can ride in cars as we bring Christmas cheer around Tryon. We will meet at 3pm in the Activity Building parking lot, and after we carol, we will end up at El Sureño for our annual tradition of chips and salsa.

**Christmas Eve Worship.** Join us for candlelight and carols. Music for meditation begins at 3:30pm. This is a kid-friendly service, and a nursery will be provided.

**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.

**Church Conference.** Our final Church Conference of the year is next Sunday after worship. We will vote on the 2020 Ministry Plan and the Nominating Committee Report. If you did not receive a copy of the Ministry Plan and Nominating Committee Report in the mail, there are extra copies available for you.

**Contributions and Receipts.** If you are making year-end contributions, or need reimbursements for your receipts, please have them in the office by noon on December 31st.

**Committee/Team Reports.** Please have all yearly Committee and Team Reports submitted for the Annual Meeting Report in to the office by December 31st.

### December 15, 2019

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 9,740	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,763
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 7,929	Kathy's Kids	\$ 100
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 387,727	Food Boxes	\$ 180
YTD Plan Goal	\$ 396,450	Food Pantry	\$ 283
Total Committed to Capital Campaign			\$1,047,860
Total Received for Capital Campaign (through November)			\$ 721,765

**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.**

### Shepherd's Feast, December 25 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

This wonderful Christmas tradition will once again be at Polk County Middle School's cafeteria on Christmas Day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and share a delicious Christmas dinner served family style complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Tell your friends and bring your neighbors. For more information, please contact Carlann Scherping at [cscherping@gmail.com](mailto:cscherping@gmail.com) or call 828-894-3253.

#### 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  
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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 22, 2019

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“PREPARE HIM ROOM”

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem / Silent Night* -Lee

Lighting the Candle of Love

Mason, Casey, and Beckham Harris

In the midst of hatred,  
God lights a candle of love in our hearts.  
**We wait together for a Savior,  
who will be Emmanuel, Christ the Lord.**  
Hear the word of the Lord:  
**But God proves his love for us in that while we still  
were sinners Christ died for us.** Romans 5:8

Choral Response

*Emmanuel*

McGEE

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

Invocation

Katie Cothran

†Hymn 100

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

†Passing of 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 85

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Isaiah 7:10-16

Amber McEntire

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,  
Ask a sign of the LORD your God;  
let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.  
**But Ahaz said, I will not ask,  
and I will not put the Lord to the test.**  
Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David!  
Is it too little for you to weary mortals,  
that you weary my God also?  
**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a  
son, and shall name him Immanuel.**  
He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to  
refuse the evil and choose the good.  
**For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and  
choose the good, the land before whose two kings you  
are in dread will be deserted.**

Solo

*Be Born in Me*

-Herms/Nordeman

Sarah Benedict, Soloist

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 7)

Jeff Harris

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

" "

Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

†Hymn 103

*Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

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

Lane Price

Offering and Meditation

*Christmas Bells*

-Brantley

†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

Silence

Anthem

*Shalom, Pacem, Peace*

-Schram

Donis Schweizer, violin; Kelsey Lynch, cello

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

*Once in Royal David's City*

-Whipple

†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