

# THE FAMILY OF GOD IN WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024 11:00AM WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare for worship.  
Hearing impaired devices are available at the Welcome/Information Table.  
A Nursery is available for children ages birth through three years.



Carol 192 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *with* And the Angels Sing

Welcome & Invocation Rev. Frank Jarman

Carol 181 Joy to the World

Responsive Litany Deborah Lockey

L: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.

**P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

L: Advent calls us to love other with patience and kindness.

**P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

L: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

**P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

L: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as He loved.

**P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.**

Lighting of the LOVE Candle The Lewis Family  
Corey, Sarah, Estella, Trent, Banks

Choral Response  
O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Amanda Monroe

Worship Song Midnight Clear (Love Song)

Ministry of Music Prepare the Way of the Lord arr. Stacey Nordmeyer  
Multigenerational Choir & Handbells  
*At the end of this song, all children ages 4 years to 3rd grade are invited to join  
EmilyAnne at the back of the sanctuary for KidsWorship in Room E104 (Kids Corner).*

Message A Weary World Rejoices Dr. Nate Leonard

Response Carol 196 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Benediction Nate Leonard

Postlude Diane Hawkins



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES and ACTIVITIES

December 15, 2024 the 2025 Church Budget passed, total votes 169 YES/ 2 NO.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE  
SANCTUARY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

### IN HONOR OF

**Lois Parker**  
by the Parker Family

### IN MEMORY OF

**Mark G. Adler & Bobbi Johnson**  
by Brandi Orth

**Faye Ballou**  
by Her Family

**Sandy Herman**  
by Bandy & Kate Herman

**Bruce & Yvonne Howard**  
by Mike, Kim, Jacob, Anna, Kayla Grace & Luke

**Gamma Jo Hull**  
by the Luettichs, Suggs and Russells

**Suellen Leonard**  
by Her Family

**Dick & Joyce Luettich**  
by the Luettichs, Suggs & Russells

**Vance & Millie Mason**  
by Their Children

**Francis Munden and Phil Munden, Sr.**  
By Lisa & Phil Munden, Jr.

**Paulette Nuzum - Ross**  
By Lynn & Frank Jarman

**Gerry & Todd Smith**  
by Becky Smith & Family

**Their parents**  
by Sarah & Curtis Strange

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

*BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH*

#### THE SEVEN I AM STATEMENTS OF JOHN

*4:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM*

Join Pastor Frank as he examines the 7 I am statements from the book of John.

#### THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4—SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, & THE SHOW

*6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM*

"Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone. Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable — ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, He's left with no alternative but demand his followers rise up."

#### GENESIS (BOOKS 3, 4, & 5) WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*6:30pm in Room E-212*

Please join the women as we continue our study of Genesis, using Kay Arthur's Precept Upon Precept. Part 3-"Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God" is a six week study focusing on Abraham. Part 4-"Wrestling with God" is a four week study on Isaac, Jacob, and Esau. Part 5-"Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered" is a four week study on Joseph. You can join in without having done the first two parts this past Fall. Cost is \$52 per person.

#### SENIOR ADULT J.O.Y. MINISTRIES

While all activities are planned for senior adults, anyone may join us.

You can sign up for all of Senior Adult Ministries on the Connection Card, at the Sign up Table in the Gathering Place or online at [https://fbcmh.org/senior\\_adults](https://fbcmh.org/senior_adults)

*Pick up the current Newsletter for more information on all the activities through February.*

#### LUNCH AT YODER'S DUTCH PANTRY

*Tuesday, January 7th from 10am-4pm*

Join us as we travel to Yoder's Dutch Pantry, a Mennonite Restaurant and Bakery, for lunch. Yoder's is your One-Stop-Shop for all things that includes home made breads, jellies, jams, delicious home cooked meals, and their great big delicious cinnamon rolls. We will leave the church around 10am. Visit the website to sign up and let us know if you will be traveling with us.

For more information and menu, go to [www.yoderdutchpantry.com](http://www.yoderdutchpantry.com).

#### LUNCHEON WITH KRISTIN FURR AND EMILY ANNE GRAHAM

*Thursday, January 23 at 11:30am*

Join us for lunch as we hear from two of our newest staff members. Kristin Furr, our Ministry Assistant, and EmilyAnne Graham, our Assistant Children & Youth Leader, will be sharing their story. Menu will be soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and desserts.

#### SINGING IN THE SUN

*April 22 & 23*

Join us as we travel to Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, April 22 for one of the largest Christian Music events in the world! It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we hear some great gospel music and powerful speakers!! We will return home on Thursday afternoon on April 24. There may be a possible shopping trip on Thursday.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Due to the holiday season, regularly scheduled Wednesday night classes and meals will resume on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

*Winter 2025*

Beginning Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at FBC, join Susan Vallance for the seven session Bible study by Kristi McLelland, *The Gospel on the Ground, The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts*. Explore how the kingdom of God is always on the move—always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God.

Beginning Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Lamp residence, join Heather Lamp for the eight session Bible study by Sandra L. Richter, PhD, *Lead Where God Places You—Deborah; Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges*. Study about the prophet, Deborah, from the book of Judges who was a wife, mother, and judge. She led Israel out of chaos into one of the most pivotal military victories of her time.

Explore this semester's options and order your book via Amazon or christianbook.com. We'd love to see you there! For more information, please contact Gail Whitley 252-241-2010.

### NEW GIVING PLATFORM

Starting January of 2025, if you give online digitally you will receive an email from Carol Reed with instructions for the new giving platform. If you would like to start giving digitally, please fill out the commitment card and Carol will reach out to you.

### END OF YEAR GIVING

*Must be submitted no later than December 31. You may bring into the office or they must be post marked.*

### AROMA OF CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Aroma of Christ Sunday School class is seeking to form a four week rotating team of facilitators. If you have a passion for God's Word and a desire to teach once a month on Sunday mornings, please contact Heather Lamp at 704.345.3869.

### NURSERY & KIDSWORSHIP

If you feel led to volunteer, please sign up in the Gathering Place or on the website.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

08:30am Nursery **Needed**  
11:00am Nursery Patricia Carlo  
11:00am KIDSworship **Needed**

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

08:30am Nursery Cynthia Thompson  
11:00am Nursery Dave Kern, LeAnn Williams  
11:00am KIDSworship **Needed**

### WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS (6-7:30PM)

PREK-5TH GRADE

Will resume January 8th

CLUB 45 (GRADES 4-5)

Will resume January 5th

### YOUTH MINISTRIES (GRADES 6-12)

Will resume January 5th

### COMMITMENT CARD

DECEMBER 22, 2024

*Tear Off & Place in the Offering Plate*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### New Giving Platform

*Coming January 2025*

I am interested in the new giving platform. Please have Carol contact me.

**CONNECTION CARD**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2024**  
*Tear Off & Place in the Offering Plate*

**WELCOME!**

Service Attended:  8:30  11:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest  2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest  
 Regular Attendee  Member  
 Searching for a Church

I am a guest of \_\_\_\_\_

Names & ages of children living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Your age group:  
 10-17  18-29  30's  40's  
 50's  60's  70's  80's

How did you learn of our church?  
 Friend  Relative  Website

I would like information on:  
 Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups  
 Music Ministry  
 Children's Missions Ministry (age 4-Gd 5)  
 J.O.Y Ministries (Senior Adult)  
 Men's Ministries  
 Mission Opportunities  
 Music & Arts Academy  
 Upward Basketball  
 Women's Ministries  
 Youth Choir (Gds 6-12)  
 Youth Ministries (Gds 6-12)

My Next Steps:  
 I'm New  
 I'm committing my life to Christ.  
 I would like to talk to a pastor.  
 I want to be baptized.  
 I would like more information on becoming a member of this church.


Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRIES AND EVENTS**  
**WEEK OF DEC 22—DEC 28, 2024**


Su	22	8:30am	Traditional Worship Service
		9:45am	Bible Study for All Ages
		11:00am	Blended Worship Service
Tu	24	Merry Christmas Eve!	<i>Office Closed</i>
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
		5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
We	25	Merry Christmas!	<i>Office Closed</i>
Th	26	Merry Christmas!	<i>Office Closed</i>

**BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD—MEN'S MINISTRY**  
**BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**  
 Tuesday Mornings: 6:30am  
*Cox's Restaurant*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 8:30am  
*Lighthouse Classroom*  
 Breakfast biscuits provided.

**GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM TOGETHER!**  
 The women's ministry invites you to join a **GROW** group.  
 For more information, please contact  
 LeAnn Williams at [rmwilliams@ec.rr.com](mailto:rmwilliams@ec.rr.com).  
 You may also sign up on the Connection Card  
 or at the Sign Up table in the Welcome area.

**2025 UPWARD BASKETBALL SEASON**  
 For questions, please contact Robin Parker  
 at 252-732-0495 or [robinparker2@mac.com](mailto:robinparker2@mac.com).  
 *Referees needed; scan the QR code to volunteer.*

**SENIOR S-T-R-E-T-C-H FOR MEN & WOMEN:**  
 Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:15am  
**FAITH & FITNESS YOGA CLASS FOR WOMEN:**  
 Monday & Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30am

**MUSIC & ARTS ACADEMY**  
 Scholarship assistance is available year-round to students in need desiring to take lessons through the Music & Arts Academy. If you would like to help provide tuition assistance, donations may be made at any time to the FBC Music & Arts Academy Scholarship Fund through the church office. Checks should be written to First Baptist Church noting "Music & Arts Scholarship Fund" in the memo. Your gift to help provide lessons is greatly appreciated!  
 Registration forms for Spring 2025 lessons in violin, viola, cello, piano, organ, guitar, ukulele, voice, drum set, and Music & Me infant/toddler classes are now being accepted.  
 Forms and brochures are now available online at [www.fbcmhc.org/music\\_and\\_arts\\_academy](http://www.fbcmhc.org/music_and_arts_academy) or in the church office. Spring semester lessons begin on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 For more information contact Diane Hawkins at 241-3859 or [dhawkins@fbcmhc.org](mailto:dhawkins@fbcmhc.org).

**LISTENING GUIDE**

**"A WEARY WORLD REJOICES"**

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:26-40  
 Pew Bible p. 1588

Message #3 in the Series: *O Holy Night*

Dr. Nate Leonard      December 22, 2024

1. Regarding the promises of God, the answer the \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus came from heaven to earth to \_\_\_\_\_ us so that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**GOD'S UNFAILING WORD TO US**

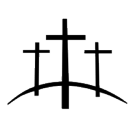
- God chose us (Ps. 33:12, 2 Pet. 2:9)
- God is always with us (Deut. 31:8)
- God never forgets us (Is. 49:15-16)
- God has plans to prosper us and give us hope (Is. 41:10)
- God is our hiding place and refuge (Ps. 32:7, Ps. 46:1)
- God protects us from the Evil One (2 Thess. 3:3)
- God provides a way out of temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
- God keeps us in peace (Is. 26:3, 12)
- God meets all our needs (Phil. 4:19)
- God gives us rest (Matt. 11:28)
- God always forgives us when we confess to Him (1 John 1:9)
- God gives us eternal life (John 3:16-17)
- God gives us victory over death (1 Cor. 15:3-4, 54-57)



Exalting God ♦ Preparing People ♦ Sharing Christ



*Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.*  
 We invite all of our guests to complete the Communication Card attached to this bulletin or on our Church App. Should you have a particular prayer request or desire to learn more about our church, we would like to know!



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Dr. Nate Leonard, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Amanda Monroe, Associate Pastor of Next Generation & Online Ministry  
 Rev. Darrell Williams, Minister of Senior Adult Ministry  
 Rev. Frank Jarman, Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Administration  
 Rev. Linza Layman Coffee, Assoc. Pastor of Traditional Worship ♦ Sarah DeLuzio, Pianist  
 Deborah Lockey, Director of Blended Worship ♦ All members of First Baptist Church

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30am-Traditional (In Person)      11:00am-Blended (In-Person & Livestreamed)  
 9:45am—Bible Study for All Ages

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