

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Today our church begins the Advent Season in worship. 'Advent' means the 'arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.' For Christians, this is a time of expectation in which we prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ and the celebration of Christmas.

Opening Charge

Let us make a place for God in the wilderness of our hearts.

Let us make a way for God in the desert of our emotions.

Let us make room for God in the crowdedness of the season.

Let us worship God now with praise and singing!

Praise First *Chorus*

Hymn 278 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Congregation

Welcome and Invocation Tyler Johnson

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Etter Family

Advent Carol Congregation

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all earth Thou art;
 Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

Video 'What Child is This? Shepherd' The Skit Guys

Prayers of the People Ande Myer

Hymn 272 Congregation
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
 (Children in preschool through first grade may leave with Super Church leaders during the hymn.)

Offertory Prayer Larry West

Offertory Piano

Worship Music *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* Adult Choir
 Part 1 *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings*

Part 2 *Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive*
 Annasue Davis, soloist
God is With Us! Alleluia!
Alleluias from Christmas Oratorio

Scripture Reading Matthew 6.19-21 Janice Adkins

Message 'No Ordinary Advent' Ande Myers

Hymn of Commitment 593 Congregation
Where He Leads

Benediction Ande Myers

Postlude Piano

Calendar of Events—First Baptist Church Williamsburg

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 10:00 am - Bible Study // Kids Connect
- 11:00 am - Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Super Church (Children's Dept.)
- 2:00 pm - Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Caregivers Support Group (FH)
- 5:00 pm - Handbells
- 6:00 pm - Young Adult Small Group (Tyree's Home)

Monday, December 4, 2017

- 5:00 pm - Firstercise (CLC)

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 8:30 am - Yoga (CLC)
- 10:00 am - Peace by Piece Quilting (Basement)
- 3:00 pm - Tutoring Ministry
- 3:30 pm - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 1:00 pm - UC Chorale Practice (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm - Firstercise (CLC)
- 6:00 pm - 'The People of the Nativity' (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm - Youth
- 7:00 pm - Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 7, 2017

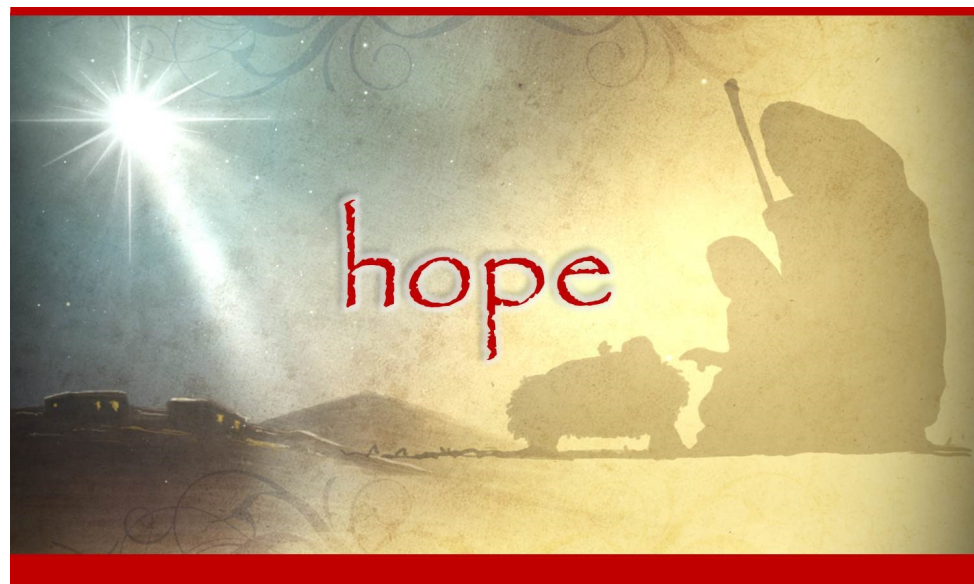
- 8:30 am - Yoga (CLC Youth Room)
- 3:00 pm - Tutoring Ministry
- 7:30 pm - UC Chorale Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 9:00 am - Upward Basketball Evaluations (CLC)

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 10:00 am - Bible Study // Kids Connect
- 11:00 am - Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - Super Church
- 5:00 pm - Handbells
- 5:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm - Young Adult Small Group (Tyrees' home)



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- **'The People of the Nativity:'** Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, Ande and Tyler will lead our congregation in a look at 'The People of the Nativity,' as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Advent season.
- **Upward Basketball** will soon be underway and we need volunteers to coach, referee, and serve in the concession stand. If you can help in any way, see Larry West or Tyler Johnson.
- **Upward Basketball Evaluations** are Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 am-12:00 noon in the Christian Life Center.
- **Taste of Christmas – December 17** at 5:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. Think of those specialty desserts and finger foods that say Christmas to you and bring them to share in a fellowship with fellow church members. Those who choose may go caroling to some of our members unable to attend.
- **University of the Cumberland's Chorale Christmas Concert** is Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 pm in the FBC sanctuary. Everyone is invited to this Christmas focused musical celebration.
- **Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Caregivers Support Group** meets at 2:00 pm this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Christmas Joy:** You are invited to give an honorarium or memorial to a ministry of First Baptist. It may be any ministry of the church you wish. The donation should be marked "Christmas Joy." Gifts will be listed in the worship bulletin (without amounts) on December 31. Donations must be given to the church office by Friday, December 22. Please include names as you want them to be listed.
- **The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** will be at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary of First Baptist. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this meaningful service.

**Dates for your calendar:

- Thursday, December 7: **UC Chorale Christmas Concert** (7:30 pm in the Sanctuary)
- Saturday, December 9: **Upward Basketball Evaluations** (9:00 am in the CLC)
- Friday, December 15: **Men's Bible Class Christmas Dinner** (6:00 pm in the CLC)
- Sunday, December 17: **Taste of Christmas** (5:00 pm in the CLC)
- Thursday, December 21: **Blue Christmas** (7:00 pm at Williamsburg United Methodist Church.
- Sunday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** (5:30 pm in the sanctuary)

Deacon of the Week: Anita Bowman (859-396-5007)
Ushers and Greeters: Tom and Tammy Stephens // Jolly Sharp // Cody Perkins
Super Church Workers: Phillip and Erin Wells // Abbey Estes // Keaton Logan
Nursery Worker: Allison Maxey

Prayer Concerns

Don Ashley	Tanya Baird	Bill Brown
Connie Bush	Barbara Carnes	Marian Collette
Reeds Crowley	Chuck Dupier	Bobby Everage
Anita Bowman	Wanda Freeman	Dora Hamby
Erica Harris	Meg Judd	Mildred Lake
Nadine Hudson	Wanda Jeffries	Eddie Byrd
Betty & Ralph Higginbotham	Thomas & Carol Stephens	
Gayle Majors	Betty Mars	Sue Mathes
Barbara Neubert	Brenda Rains	Marilyn Nickels
Della Rose	Josh Tyree	Ashley Creekmore Oaks
Linda Bradford Miracle	Barbara Wasano	Gloria Stancil
Irene Rooney	Hettie Lou Pennington	Cohen Sharp
Dorothy Pennington	Jack Smith	Roger Stephens
Rebecca Stephenson	Eddie Winchester	Jim Newman
Dennis Vowels		