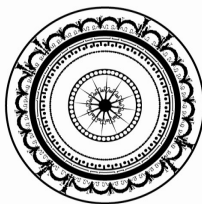


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017  
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Canzon duodecimi toni* ..... G. Gabrieli

Brass Ensemble

The Prophecy: Isaiah 40:1-11 ..... Nancy Hawley

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace ..... Norah Knight and Minerva Fox

Congregational Response: *Christ Be Our Light* ..... B. Farrell

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

Prayer for Illumination ..... Amy McClure

*(Please read in unison.)*

**God of comfort and glory,  
We find peace in knowing that you can lift  
every valley and make every mountain low.  
This clear path to you fills us with holy tranquility.  
We seek to be filled not with fear  
but with eager expectation of the great joy ahead of us.  
Help us to stand with the shepherds in awe of your majesty,  
and allow the light of these candles  
to guide us ever closer to the good news. Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn 127: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ..... MENDELSSOHN

\*Passing of the Peace ..... David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Canticle of the Day: Luke 2:8-15 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.44) ..... Ray Hawley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* ..... L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! We sing in excelsis Deo! Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before Him bow and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this; He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

\*Hymn 95: *Prepare the Royal Highway* ..... BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN

Pastoral Prayer for Peace ..... John Thornton

Leader: Come quickly, Lord;  
People: **Our peace is in you.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Anthem: Gloria (Movement 1) ..... J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo	Glory to God in the highest
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis	And on earth peace to people of good will
Laudamus te	We praise you
Benedicimus te	We bless you
Adoramus te	We worship you
Gratias agimus tibi	We give you thanks
Propter magnam gloriam	For your great glory
Gloria in excelsis Deo	Glory to God in the highest

Sermon: "The Angels' Song: Gloria" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 125: *Angels We Have Heard on High* ..... GLORIA

*All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

\*Offertory Prayer ..... Fran Stewart

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Rejoice and Be Merry* ..... J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth, O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth: for this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing. A heavenly vision appeared in the sky, vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy, proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing. Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear, which led the wise men from the East to draw near; they found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing. And when they were come, they their treasures unfold, and unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold. So blessed forever be Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing. Rejoice and be merry!

Opportunities for Ministry ..... John Thornton

\*Doxology ..... VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*Benediction ..... Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* ..... S. Karg-Elert

Brass Ensemble  
Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## GUEST MUSICIANS

### Trumpet

Steve Sutton  
Brian Roberts  
Judy Saxton  
Mark Hibshman

### Trombone

Seth Frack  
Mary Katherine Bowman-Choat  
Sean Devlin

### Horn

Joe Mount

### Tuba

Brent Harvey  
Matt Ransom

### Timpani

Jared Steward

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The Prayer for Illumination is written by Kaylee Godfrey, Pastoral Intern at First Baptist Church and a second-year student at Wake Forest School of Divinity.

Acolytes for this service are David Smith and Tessa Turner

Lighting the Advent Candle today are Prayer Partners Norah Knight and Minerva Fox.

## A BEAUTIFUL STAR An Appalachian Nativity December 22, 7:30pm Triad Stage, Greensboro

The Music and Arts Team invites you to attend a performance of Triad Stage’s “*A Beautiful Star*” on Friday evening, December 22 at 7:30pm. Starting with Genesis and going all the way to the Nativity, this musical spins a holiday story with down-home laughter and toe-tappin’ music. Tickets are \$20 and there are only three left! If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact David Williamson at [dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org](mailto:dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org).

## NATIVITY EXHIBIT

You are invited to visit the Nativity Exhibit sponsored by the Arts Ministry in the Ammons-Lolley. This exhibit, curated by Annice Hogsette, features a wide variety of nativity sets provided by the members of First Baptist Church and will be on display throughout the holiday season

## PASTORAL STAFF

*Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.*

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**SUNDAY, December 10**

9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac-school aged children (offsite)

**MONDAY, December 11**

12:00 pm Children's Center Committee Meeting (Conference Room)  
 5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (Gray Room)

**WEDNESDAY, December 13**

4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)  
 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 pm Christmas Caroling (offsite)  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**THURSDAY, December 14**

9:00 am Poinsettia Pickup (Fellowship Hall)  
 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, December 17**

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Fran Stewart, Scott Hudgins  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Gayle Edwards, Josh McGee  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... Bob Edwards, Jean Mallard

**WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST**

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://give.firstonfifth.org).

**SAMARITAN MINISTRIES  
OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

For over ten years First Baptist has provided overnight volunteers for Samaritan Ministries. The time is from 6:30 pm—7:00 am. We need six volunteers each night, men and women, for the nights of January 1-7, except for January 4th. Please contact Bob Edwards at [bobedwards4113@gmail.com](mailto:bobedwards4113@gmail.com) or 336-768-3063 to volunteer for one of these nights.

**DONATIONS FOR FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY  
HOLIDAY STORE REQUESTED**

The children at our Back Pack school (Forest Park) are able to purchase gifts for their loved ones from the Holiday Store at school. Staffers wrap all gifts after they are purchased for the kids to take home. Most gifts cost \$1-\$5. All gifts are donated; any money made goes to the PTA. The Holiday Store is open for the children from December 15-20. First on Fifth members have donated items in the past (either new or gently used items). Needed are small gifts for men, women and children. Gift ideas include: small tools, pretty candles, lotions or soaps, picture frames, coffee mugs, toys or stuffed animals, jewelry, fleece blankets, soccer or basketballs, Christmas decorations or ornaments. Donations can be left in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Anne Rais at [asudlowrais@yahoo.com](mailto:asudlowrais@yahoo.com) or 336-972-4359 for ideas on what to donate or with other questions.

**HOLIDAY CARDS BENEFIT CRISIS  
CONTROL, SAMARITAN MINISTRIES**

Crisis Control Ministries' seasonal memorial and honor cards are available at the Welcome Center for a tax deductible donation of \$5. Donations from these cards support services offered by Crisis Control Ministry.

Seasonal cards featuring a beautiful image of First Baptist Church are available at the Welcome Center. Donations of any amount are accepted and will be given to support Samaritan Ministries in their efforts to care for the homeless.

**HABITAT HOME DEDICATION SET**

The Habitat Forsyth Faith Build for 2017 has been a collaborative effort of faith communities, including Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregations, who've worked together to fundraise and build, helping provide two families with homes that are side by side. As a partner church, First Baptist is pleased to have been able to contribute both funding and labor for this endeavor. Please celebrate the culmination of the 2017 Faith Build as we dedicate two homes on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 pm. This meaningful service will be held at 1759 and 1763 Richard Allen Lane in Winston-Salem. Please plan to join us for this time of celebration for these two families and the volunteers who played a role in transforming dreams into reality.

**WAYS TO ASSIST WITH THE  
WOMEN'S TRIP TO THE DR**

Our 15th annual women's trip to minister to the women and families in the community of Cielo will be January 13-20. There are several ways we need your help. Our greatest need is monetary contributions to help us provide rice, beans and water cards for fifty families most in need. Your generosity last year also provided funds to help buy food and bless our friends in Cielo throughout the year. Your check payable to First Baptist Church or cash should be designated for the Women's Mission Trip rice and beans ministry. Also, we are collecting sample size toothpaste and toilet articles (soap, shampoo and lotion), beanie babies for the medical clinic and costume jewelry, handbags and cosmetic bags for the staff and women. These can be placed in the Women's Dominican Republic Mission Trip bin outside Fellowship Hall or given to Gayle Edwards. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and support. If you have questions, please contact Gayle Edwards at [gcedwards44@gmail.com](mailto:gcedwards44@gmail.com).

**ADVENT AT FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH ON FIFTH  
Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday, December 10 | 10:30 a.m.**  
 "The Angels' Song: *Gloria*"  
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir and Ardmore Brass

**Sunday, December 17 | 10:30 a.m.**  
 "Mary's Song: *Magnificat*"  
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir and Helen Rifas, harp

**Sunday, December 24 | 10:30 a.m.**  
 "Zechariah's Song: *Benedictus*;  
 Simeon's Song: *Nunc Dimittis*"  
 Music led by the Sanctuary Choir and Emily Grissing, Cello

**Sunday, December 24 | 5:00 p.m.**  
 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols  
 Music by guest soloist  
 Teresa Moore-Mitchell, soprano  
 and Richard Downs, Jr., Violin

**Churchwide Opportunities****Christmas Caroling**

**Wednesday, December 13 | 6:15 pm**  
 We will depart from church following our fellowship meal to visit our homebound members and share the joy of the season through song. All ages welcome!

**Opportunities for Children****MOCHAS WITH MAC**

**Sunday, December 10, 3 pm**  
 Calling all school-aged children! Join Pastor Amy Mac for conversations about our faith and our church. Children will meet at 3 pm at Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Contact Amy McClure with questions at [amcclure@firstonfifth.org](mailto:amcclure@firstonfifth.org).

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR  
SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**Wednesday, December 20**  
 no Wednesday night activities

**Sunday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve**

9:15 am Christmas Eve Brunch

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, December 25-**

**Wednesday, December 27**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, January 1**

Church Office Closed