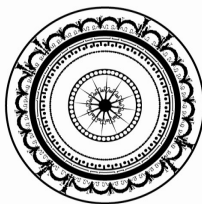


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2017  
10:30 am

- Prelude: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* ..... K. McChesney  
Chancel Ringers
- Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee
- Introit: *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* ..... arr. S. Geschke  
Chancel Ringers
- The Prophecy: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 ..... Mark Williams
- Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Joy ..... David Smith and Mary Nell Harris
- 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 ..... Kaylee Godfrey

*(Please read in unison.)*

**God of joyful thanksgiving,  
we find joy in seeing the lowly lifted  
and the hungry filled with good things.  
These acts of justice illuminate our lives and exalt your works.  
Our souls seek to magnify you  
and declare your mercies from generation to generation.  
Help us to find delight in the one who has clothed us  
with the garments of salvation and robes of righteousness.  
Amen.**

- \*Processional Hymn 103: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ..... ADESTE FIDELES

- \*Passing of the Peace ..... John Thornton

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

- Anthem: *See Amid the Winter's Snow* ..... arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia. See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia. Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies, He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia. Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn, sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia

Anthem: *This Little Babe* (from *A Ceremony of Carols*) ..... B. Britten

Sanctuary Choir

This little Babe so few days old, is come to rifle Satan's fold; all hell doth at his presence quake, though he himself for cold do shake; for in this weak unarmed wise the gates of hell he will surprise. With tears he fights and wins the field, his naked breast stands for a shield, his battering shot are babish cries, his arrows looks of weeping eyes, his martial ensigns Cold and Need, and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed. His camp is pitched in a stall, his bulwark but a broken wall; the crib his trench, hay stalks his stakes; of shepherds he his muster makes; and thus, as sure his foe to wound, the angels' trumps alarum sound. My soul with Christ join thou in fight; stick to the tents that he hath pight (pitched), within his crib is surest ward; this little Babe will be thy guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

Pastoral Prayer for Joy ..... Amy McClure

Leader: Come quickly, Lord;

**People: Our joy 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.**

\*Hymn 145: *Star-Child* ..... STAR-CHILD

Canticle of the Day: Luke 1:39-55 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.43) ..... Alana Williams

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Trio: *My Soul Doth Magnify* ..... C. Saint-Saëns

Leigh Walters, Jacob Hill, Kelly Turner

My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord:  
my spirit hath rejoiced in God.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy glory

Homily: "Mary's Song: Magnificat" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 83: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ..... HYFRYDOL

*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 ..... Kim Towles

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *What Child Is This / Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ..... arr. Mc Donald

Helen Rifas, Harp

Opportunities for Ministry ..... David Williamson

\*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: *Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo"* ..... J.S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

*\*Those who are able will please stand.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Our guest musician for today is Helen Rifas, principal harpist with the Winston-Salem and Greensboro Symphonies.

Acolytes for this service are Caroline Kearney and Norah Knight

Lighting the Advent Candle today are Prayer Partners David Smith and Mary Nell Harris.

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.

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**POINSETTIAS**

**Given in Memory of:**

William Albert Gwyn by John and Helen Gwyn  
Ruth Anderson Gwyn by John and Helen Gwyn  
Clifton and Ruth Atkins by John and Helen Gwyn  
Dwight David Atkins by John and Helen Gwyn  
Jeanne Read and Bill Skorton by Linda Jones  
Ruby Stainback by Beth and Gene Stainback  
George and Betty Norwood by Beth and Gene Stainback  
John Grogan by Jean Grogan  
Bob Whittle by Jan Whittle  
David and Stella Wilcox by Jan Whittle  
Our parents by Bill and Betty Scales  
Janice T. Shearin by Sibyl and David Smelcer  
Debbie S. Allsbrook by Sibyl and David Smelcer  
Dr. Hoke Cleaver by Ernestine Cleaver  
Arnett Harris by Mary Nell Harris  
Dorothy Harris by Whitty Harris  
Alice and Worth Chandler by Emil and Nancy Nathan  
Dr. Peter Nathan by Emil and Nancy Nathan  
Henry Lee Falls, Sr. by Janet Falls  
Vincent Lambert by Ed Lambert  
Blanche S. Allen by Thomas Allen  
Elizabeth Mae Allen by Thomas Allen  
Ed and Evelyn Collette by Bob and Gayle Edwards  
Wava Howard by Bob and Gayle Edwards  
John Jordan by Bob and Gayle Edwards  
Charles and Mattie Ware by Lucian and Robie Neal  
Charlie and Paulean Neal by Lucian and Robie Neal  
Nellie C. and Charles A. Stewart, Jr. by Mark Stewart  
Frank and Eunice Johnson by Sarah Johnson

**Given in Honor of:**

Lala Lambert by Ed Lambert  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lucas by Thomas Allen  
Al and Nancy Guenthner by Thomas Allen  
Scott Hudgins and Mary Foskett by Thomas Allen  
Bob and Gayle Edwards by Thomas Allen  
Emily Hull McGee by Thomas Allen  
Phronsie Jordan by Bob and Gayle Edwards  
Patricia Owen by Vana and Dick Bagnal  
Janet Williams by Vana and Dick Bagnal  
Phronsie Jordan by Vana and Dick Bagnal  
Lenwood Ammons by Lucian and Robie Neal  
Jake Hill by Lucian and Robie Neal

*The large poinsettias that have decorated the Sanctuary during Advent were given by Greg and Kim Rowan in loving memory of Greg's parents, Frank and Jean Rowan.*

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

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**SUNDAY, December 17**

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

**MONDAY, December 18**

6:00 pm Personnel Committee (Gray Room)

**TUESDAY, December 19**

4:30 pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)

**WEDNESDAY, December 20**

4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Offsite)  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**FRIDAY, December 22**

2:00 pm Mochas with Mac (Offsite)

**SUNDAY, December 24**

9:15 am Christmas Eve Brunch (Kelly Auditorium)  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Kim Towles, Leslie Lowdermilk  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ....Donnie Tacy, Leslie Lowdermilk  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK .....Ray Hawley, Matt Lowdermilk

**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).

**DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE NEEDS**

**Crisis Control** - Sugar/Flour/Baking Items

**Samaritan Ministries' Wish List**

deodorant, socks, toboggans,  
lined waterproof gloves

**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

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

**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.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES**

To be included in your 2017 contribution statement, please be aware of the following deadlines:

Hand-delivered contributions must be received in the FBC Finance Office by December 31. Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31. Stock gifts can be processed through the First Baptist Church brokerage account at Wells Fargo Advisors. Please call the Finance Office for details at 336-722-2558 x103. 16

**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. 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).

**HOLIDAY CARDS BENEFIT  
CRISIS CONTROL AND  
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.

**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).