

The Worship of God

December 14, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Third Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

In the Advent season, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, we ask God to shelter us. In uncertain times, may God give us courage to greet the dawn and labor on in faith, awaiting God's purpose that will be born in due time.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Old French Carol* arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL
Opening of the Bible Ava Leigh Fulbright

CALL TO WORSHIP Emerson Williams

Leader: A tiny jewel of light dances on the edge of the horizon.

People: A solitary star before sunrise glimmers with the promise of dawn.

Leader: A lonely shepherd gazes into the heavens.

People: A refugee couple seeks emergency shelter in a crowded town.

Leader: The time is near, the light is emerging, God is with us!

People: Gloria, In Excelsis Deo! Christ the Lord is Born!

HYMN NO. 152 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC Joyful Singers and Chancel Choristers
(*Silent Night, Away in a Manger, Angels from the Realms of Glory*)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Dale, Kelly, Brooke & Jake Lambeth

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Advent Candles* CRADLE SONG

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of Hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A Candle is burning, a candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

YOUTH HAND BELLS *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Helmore

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 5: 2-5a

HYMN NO. 155 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST LOUIS

MORNING PRAYER

DOWNTOWN YOUTH CHOIR *One Star* Althouse

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 8-20

ANTHEM *An Advent Prayer* Pote

SPECIAL GUEST An Old Shepherd

HYMN NO. 146 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

OFFERTORY PRAYER Roger Tripp

OFFERTORY *The Little Drummer Boy* Wagner

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Silent Night* Stille Nacht

POSTLUDE *Arise, Sons of the Kingdom* J.S. Bach

Today's Lay Reader is Debbie Tate

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ Sanctuary & Senior Adult Choirs
Sanctuary Ringers - Paul Freeman, Director
Joyful Singers - Alyson Honeycutt, Director - Phil Ryalls, Assistant
Chancel Choristers - Betty Jane Honeycutt, Director
Peggy Barnhardt, Pianist
Youth Hand Bells - Eryn Myers & Ann Ryall, Directors
Downtown Youth Choir - Jennifer Klim, Director
Brian & Wendy Walker, Assistants
Beverly Khemlani, Pianist

*Christian sympathy is extended to Barbara Humphries on the death of her sister,
Reba Moretz of Boone, on December 12.*

Poinsettias:

In Memory: Robert Mode by Meredith and Sydney Mode

In Honor: Frances Hoover by Her Children and Grandchildren

The Deacons of the Week are Brenda Houser and Carl Garrison

Global Missions Giving

It is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Mission envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission Offering. May we give so others can serve.



Food Boxes

Volunteers are needed Wednesday at noon to prepare food boxes for Christmas. Donations are still needed to supplement the cost. Last year we delivered 60 food boxes at a cost of \$80.00 per box.

Youth Christmas Party

Youth Choir will meet at 5:30 this afternoon, followed by the Youth Christmas party at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 p.m., everyone will go to the Howells to see the Christmas lights. Parents will pick up their children at the Howell's at 7:45 p.m.

Christmas Lights at the Howells

All children are invited to Ray and Joyce Howell's home at 243 N. Miners Trail on Monday, December 22, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to see the Christmas lights and enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Please bring a flashlight to walk down the drive.

Announcements

Sunday, 12/14

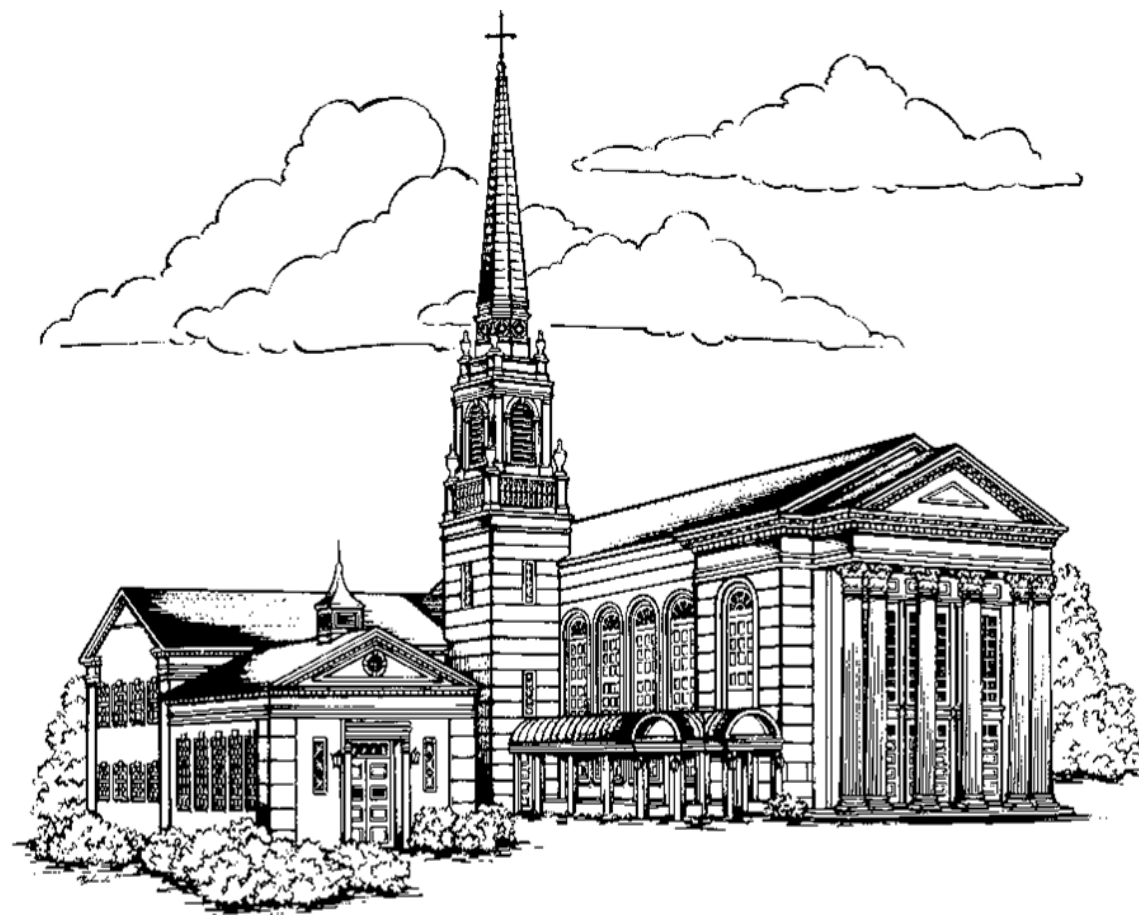
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	Second Floor Lobby
5:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Snack Supper & Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Lights	Home of The Howell's
7:45 p.m.	Parents Pick Up Youth	Home of The Howell's

Extended Sessions:

December 14: Bed Babies: M/M Carl Wagstaff Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle Kepley 3 & 4 Year Olds: Hazel Frady & Brenda Hipp

December 21: NINE LESSON AND CAROLS

First Baptist Church Lexington, N.C.



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Senior Minister

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PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music

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