

The Worship of God

December 7, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Second Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the focus is peace. We know that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, completely absent. Yet, in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Roger C. Wilson

CHORAL INTROIT *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL
Opening of the Bible Charlotte Pyle

CALL TO WORSHIP Caroline Pyle

Leader: The world is dark and cold.

People: We look for signs of your coming.

Leader: The world is hungry for righteousness.

People: We look for signs of your coming.

Leader: The world yearns for God's love.

People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

HYMN NO. 133 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Minnie Banks, Jim & Brenda Barton

Minister: In a world of terrorism, war, violence and abuse, where families live in refugee camps, in shelters, and where children live in fear, we look for the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Peace into our world. We await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Minister: We light this candle of peace knowing that only Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, can bring true and lasting peace into our world.

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

HYMN NO. 151

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 1-8

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

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SERMON

On Your Mark!

Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 171

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Jeanne E. Shaffer

DOXOLOGY NO. 809

OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

POSTLUDE

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Nicolas LeBègue

Today's Lay Reader is Robert Adams.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

*Christian sympathy is extended to Jack Michael and family on the death of his sister,
Evelyn Myers, age 100, of High Point on November 24.*

Poinsettias:

In Memory: Elsie Smith Banks by Willie and Jo Ellen Edwards

In Honor: Minnie Banks by Willie and Jo Ellen Edwards

The Deacons of the Week are Brannon Gilliam and Brenda Hipp

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

Last year we prepared 60 boxes at a cost of \$75 - \$80 each for those in need. Make checks payable to FBC. The deadline is Sunday, December 14. The boxes will be delivered on Wednesday, December 17. Contact Peggy Barnhardt or the church if you wish to help.

Christmas Angels

Volunteers are needed Thursday morning at 9:00.

Announcements

Sunday, 12/7

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	FBC Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth Activities	Fellowship Hall

Monday, 12/8

5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers Rehearsal	Chapel
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Wednesday, 12/10

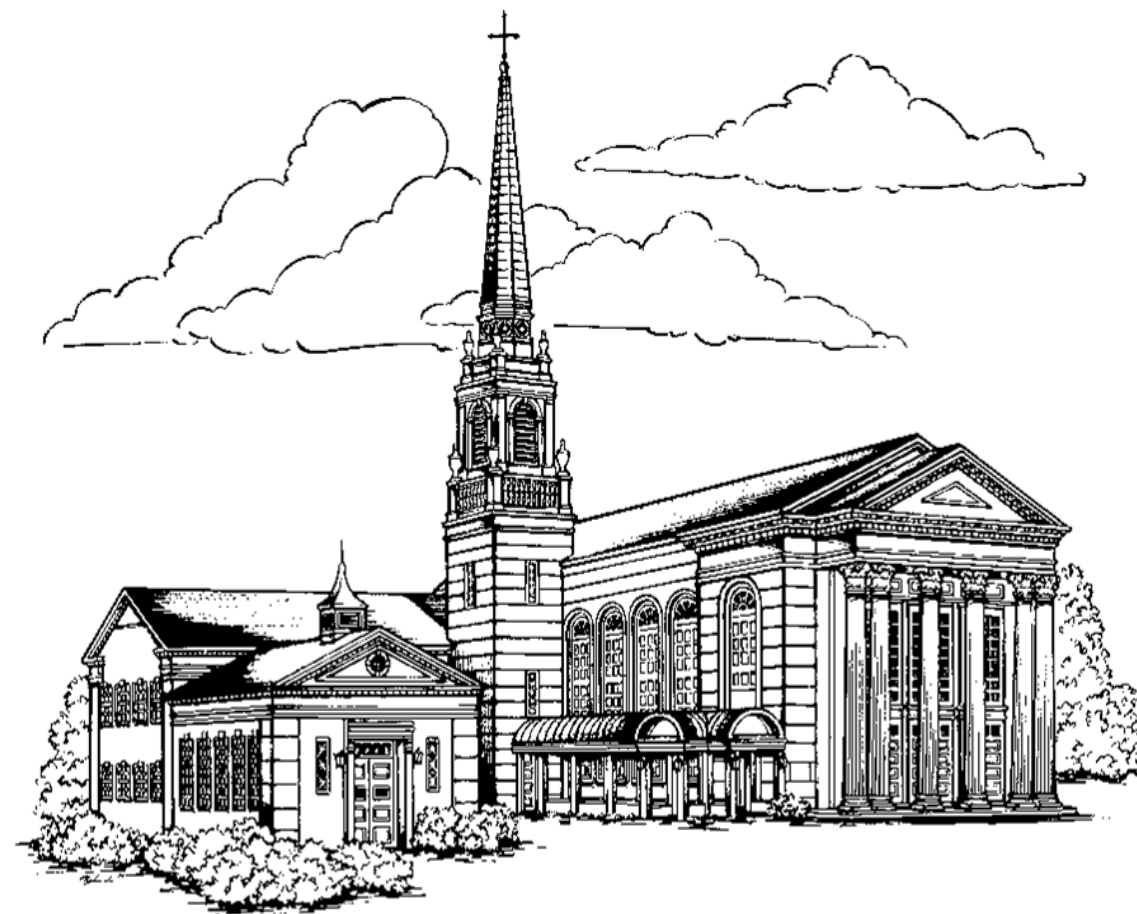
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	* Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Final Family Night for the Season Youth and Children's Music Program	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Combined Rehearsal of Sanctuary & Senior Adult Choirs	Sanctuary

*Menu: Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Dessert **RSVP by noon Monday**

Extended Sessions:

December 7: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Randall Potter
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Anna Raye Tate
December 14: Bed Babies: M/M Carl Wagstaff Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle Kepley
3 & 4 Year Olds: Hazel Frady & Brenda Hipp

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