

# The Worship of God

November 29, 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

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## THE GATHERING

*God calls us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. The season of Advent reminds us that even the darkest night gives way to the light. The promise of God gives us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that His hand is leading us and His love is supporting us.*

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Henry Coleman

CHORAL INTROIT *Come To Bethlehem and See* Freeman  
Opening of the Bible Zowe Lilly

CALL TO WORSHIP Hailey Walker

Leader: The days grow shorter. The long nights of the coming winter send us indoors, searching for warmth and light.

**People: War and terrorism echo around the globe. We long for peace and hope.**

Leader: The Holy One calls us from the lonely darkness, offering a new heaven and a new earth filled with love.

**People: The Spirit of God gathers us in goodness, filling our hearts with sparks and flashes of delight.**

Leader: However dark the season, the Body of Christ holds each member in grace.

**All: As we worship the God who calls us, the light of Christ shines in our lives, brightening a world that yearns for faith.**

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

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 7: 1-7, 10-17

HYMN NO. 139 *To a Virgin Meek and Mild* LO DESEMBRE CONGELAT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Kelly Sink

*One Candle is Lit* 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'ns starry sky  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13: 1-8, 24-27

## LITANY FOR ADVENT

Minister: In a world of terrorism, wars and rumors of wars, violence and abuse, where families live in refugee camps, in shelters, and where children live in fear, we look for the coming of Christ and the promise 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: Open our ears to hear your Word, and our hearts to receive the gift of your Holy Spirit.

**People: And grant us peace, hope, and comfort through the gift of your son, Jesus our Savior.**

## MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *O Jesus Grant Me Hope and Comfort* Stein

SERMON *Keep Calm and Carry On* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tim Michael

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Albin C. Whitworth

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Freeman

PRELUDE *The Journey to Bethlehem* Cesar Franck

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*Today's Lay Reader is Connie Russell*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

## ***Birthday Party for Jesus***

**Sunday, December 6 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - MBCC Dining Area**

We will have games, crafts, snacks, stories, and music. We are asking that each child bring a **new pair of pajamas** in sizes newborn to child's XL. Wrap them and mark with gender & size.

## **Global Missions Offering**

It is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. Mark your Mission envelope or your check for CBF Global Mission Offering.

## Salvation Army Angels

We still have a few Angels available today. Gifts should not be wrapped and the Angel tag with the child's information should be attached to the gifts.

Our deadline is Wednesday, December 9. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the fellowship hall between December 2 and 9.

## Food Boxes

Our Sunday School mission project - food boxes for needy families is underway. All Checks should be made to FBC. The deadline is Sunday, December 13. Delivery will be Wednesday, December 16.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, 11/29

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd Floor Lobby
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

### Tuesday, 12/1

12:00 p.m.	Carolyn Phillips Mission Group	Yarboroughs
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### Wednesday, 12/2

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies	Nursery

**(inform church if you need childcare)**

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1 thru 5)	Room 212
	RA's	Room 202
	Mission Friends	Room 225
	Acteens	Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st Grade)	Room 206
	Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)	Music Suite
	Bible Study/Church Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

**Quarterly Business Meeting/2016 Budget Vote**

**Chrismon Presentation**

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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\*Menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Apples, Slaw, Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders

**RSVP by noon Monday**

### Extended Sessions:

**November 29: Bed Babies:** Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams

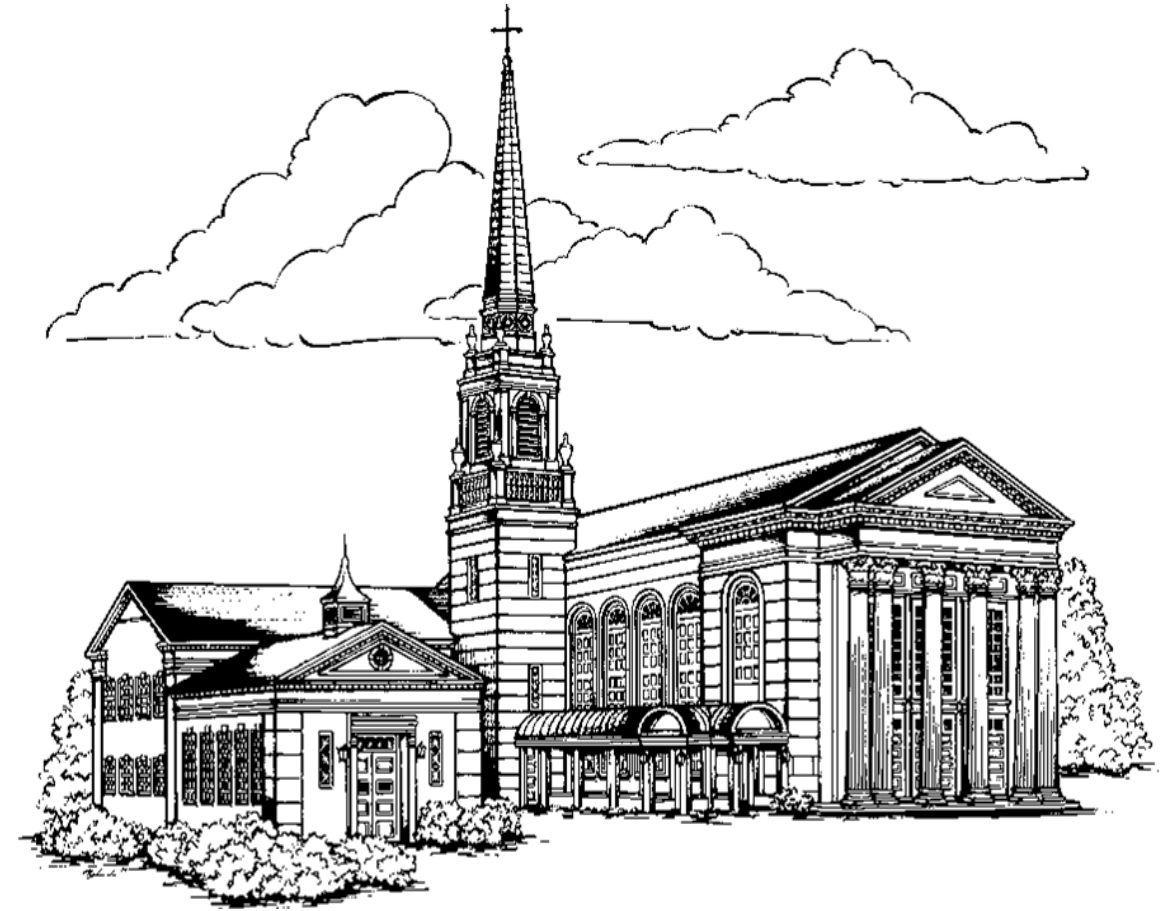
**Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander

**3 & 4 Yr Olds:** Margaret Ann Maddox & Kelly Mitcham

**December 6: Bed Babies:** M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Yr Olds:** M/M Zak Young

**3 & 4 Yr Olds:** Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

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