

The Worship of God

December 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Preparing for Worship

Prelude

“Finale on HYFRYDOL”

arr. Henry Coleman

Choral Introit

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

Opening of the Bible

Jake Brown

Call to Worship

Zoey Mize

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

People: God’s promised salvation is at hand.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon him.

People: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Leader: The Spirit of counsel and might.

People: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

Leader: God’s promised salvation is at hand.

Hymn No. 135

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

The Children’s Time

“Silent Night” and “Ring the Bells”

Children’s Choirs

“He Is Born, The Divine Christ Child”, “Mary’s Little Boy-Child” and “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Christian Greetings

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Michael, Jen, Elaine, Julia and Thomas Allen

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 11:1-10

Hymn No. 163

“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

ENTSPRUNGEN

Morning Prayer

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1: 39-56

Anthem

“An Advent Prayer”

Allen Pope

Sermon

“You’ll Shoot Your Eye Out, Kid!”

Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 150

“What Child Is This?”

GREENSLEEVES

Offertory Prayer

Kim Lingerfelt

The Offertory

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Reeves

The Congregation joins the Choir in singing:

Finish, then, thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation

Perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heav’n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee,

Lost in wonder, love and praise!

Choral Benediction

“Silent Night”

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Postlude

“Arise, Sons of the Kingdom”

J.S. Bach

First Baptist Church Lexington, NC

Today’s Lay Reader is Dr. Beverly Fulbright

Today’s Service

Joyful Singers – Director - Eryn Myers, Margaret Ann Maddox, Alan Hall, Betty Jane Honeycutt

The Chancel Choristers – Director – Courtney Foster

The Senior Adult Choir

The Sanctuary Choir

Peggy Barnhardt, Pianist

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Louise Michael who died on Sunday, December 3rd.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

In honor of Peggy Barnhardt by the Senior Adult Choir

In honor of Hazel Frady by The Sterling Wall Family

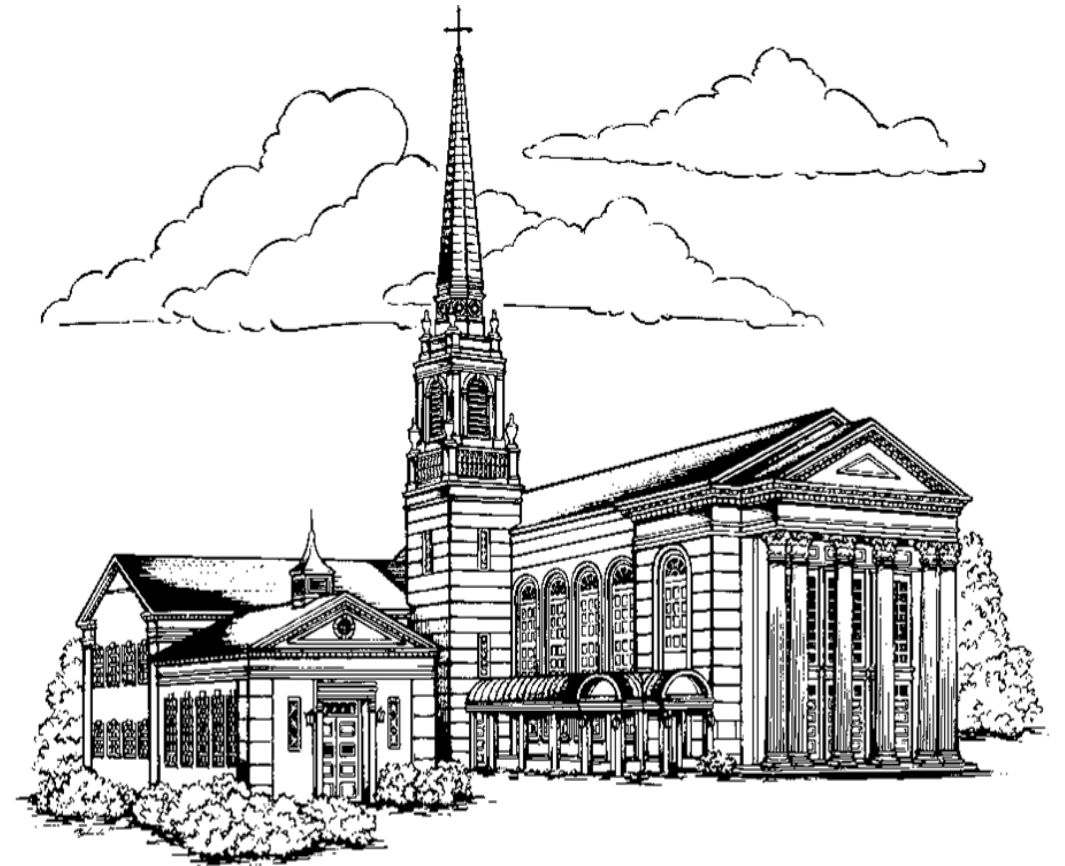
In honor of Paul and Debra Freeman by the Senior Adult Choir

In memory of Betsy Wall Medford, Carroll Wall, Jr. and Bill Medford by

The Sterling Wall Family

In honor of Sterling and Tina Wall by Hazel Frady

Please pick up your Poinsettia after the service



This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Suite

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Sanctuary Choir in the Music

RAY N HOWELL III
Senior Minister

JIM SKOTTHY
Business Administrator

MEAGAN SMITH
Associate Minister

PAUL FREEMAN
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