

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Alan Williams - Guitar

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

Poinsettias:

Memory: *Kelly Elizabeth Lowder* by Richard & Ferry Lane Lowder and Family

Horace Conner by Miriam and Suzy Conner and Jack and David Colescott

Janet Conner by Miriam and Suzy Conner, Rick, Taylor, Callen and Kendall Conner,
and Benjamin, Whitney and Greer Conner

Marjorie Colescott by Miriam and Suzy Conner

Honor: Richard and Lois Perryman by Greg and Kelly Stabler and Family

Special Christmas Offering

We are receiving a special Christmas offering tonight to help offset our 2015 budget deficit. Each church member is challenged to give a special financial gift in addition to your regular contributions. You may bring contributions by the church through Thursday, December 31. As we celebrate God's greatest gift at Christmas, may we be found faithful in our giving to Christ's church.

Informal Worship Sunday, December 27

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - 11:00 a.m. - Worship

We will worship "informally." Dress casually. There will not be a bulletin or order of service. Feel free to share a Christmas story, a testimony, a song, a Scripture or a prayer. We will sing your favorite Christmas hymns.

Christmas Joy

Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Our church has been able to do great things this Advent, because of all the small things we have been faithful to do together. We sent 66 shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child, we adopted 125 Salvation Army Angels, and we gave 60 food boxes through our Sunday School. Our youth and parents sponsored a Christmas party for patients of Cancer Services, and many of our members helped with the Prison Ministry Christmas party. There is Christmas joy in knowing we have blessed others with God's love. Thank you for your faithfulness.



Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service
December 24, 2015

RAY N. HOWELL III
Senior Minister

TOMMY WILSON
Associate Minister

JEAN ASHLEY
Martha Best Children's Center Director

PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

December 24, 2015

5:30 in the Evening

(Please Silence All Electronic Devices)

“And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”

John 1: 5 (KJV)

PRELUDES

<i>Old French Carol</i>	arr. Paul Manz
<i>Silent Night</i>	arr. David Cherwien
<i>Swiss Noel</i>	Louis Claude Daquin
<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	Larry Visser

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Tonight, old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Minister: Tonight, hope gives way to joy, and prayer to proclamation.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Minister: Tonight, the candles tell the story. Dawn invades midnight. The light of the world has come.

People: Glory to God in the highest! Come and behold him! Christ the Lord!

PROCESSIONAL CAROL NO. 173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Honeycutt Family

One Candle is Lit and Away in A Manger 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.*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-6

CAROL NO. 162

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

THE FIRST NOEL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Randy Amos

THE OFFERTORY

Puer natus in Bethlehem

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE CHRISTMAS STORY AS RECORDED IN GENESIS, ISAIAH, JOHN, AND LUKE

CAROL NO. 146

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come.

ANTIOCH

HOLY COMMUNION

THE BREAD

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst

THE CUP

ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Krogstad

THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

CAROL

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

- Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin Mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.*
- Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born.*

- Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*
- Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born.*