

The Worship of God

December 6, 2015

The Second Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

The Chrismon Tree originated in the year 1957 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. The word "Chrismon" comes from Christ and Monogram. Therefore, a Chrismon is a symbol; a representation of Christ. Al Martin, our Minister of Music, introduced First Baptist to the Chrismon Tree in 1977. Al was assisted by Mrs. Miheepa Jones of First United Methodist Church. A small group visited the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville. This year many volunteers led by Brenda Barton and Melinda Hartley have worked tirelessly to restore and renew our Chrismon ornaments. Each Chrismon proclaims the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Surrounded by the symbols of Advent and Christmas, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

CHORAL INTROIT *Come To Bethlehem and See* Freeman
Opening of the Bible Mary Evann Thornhill

CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Hall

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.
People: **We wait for the day when our warfare will be ended.**
Leader: We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace,
People: **As we ponder Christ our God who descends into our world.**

HYMN NO. 167 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Paul and Barbara Epley

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'ns 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.*

THE DEDICATION AND RENEWAL OF OUR CHRISMONS

AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

Brenda Barton

THE MEANING AND SCRIPTURE BEHIND OUR CHRISMONS

Volunteers

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: To the Glory of God and the celebration of our Savior's birth,
People: **We dedicate our new Chrismons.**
Leader: For the many volunteers and the countless hours of work that went into the restoration and the creation of new Chrismons,
People: **We give thanks to God.**
Leader: We dedicate our new Chrismons with the hope they will faithfully proclaim the Gospel message of our Savior's birth for years to come.

THE GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 151 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

FEATURE *The Open Rose and the Jesse Tree* ??????????????????

HYMN NO. 163 *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* GERMAN CAROL

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *I Shall Know Him When He Comes* Wagner

REFLECTION *A Charlie Brown Christmas* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 171 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mark Hamrick

OFFERTORY *O Come, Divine Messiah* arr. Robert Powell

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Freeman

PRELUDE *Ye Sons of Men, O Hearken* J.S. Bach

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Last Sunday we welcomed Bonnie Harvey into the fellowship of First Baptist Church. She joins us by church letter from Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church, Moore, SC.

Birthdays Party for Jesus - Today
Children's Fellowship Hall - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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 adopted 125 angels through your generosity. We are now collecting the gifts on the Fellowship Hall stage. Gifts should be unwrapped with the angel tag attached. Please bring your gifts no later than 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, December 11. Volunteers are needed at 10:00 a.m. on Friday to deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, 12/6

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
6:00 p.m.	Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Youth Activities	Attic/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 12/9

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Music Program	Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

*Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Gingered Carrots, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children: Hot Dog

RSVP by noon Monday

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.

Extended Sessions:

December 6: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Zak Young
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

December 13: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle
Kepley **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

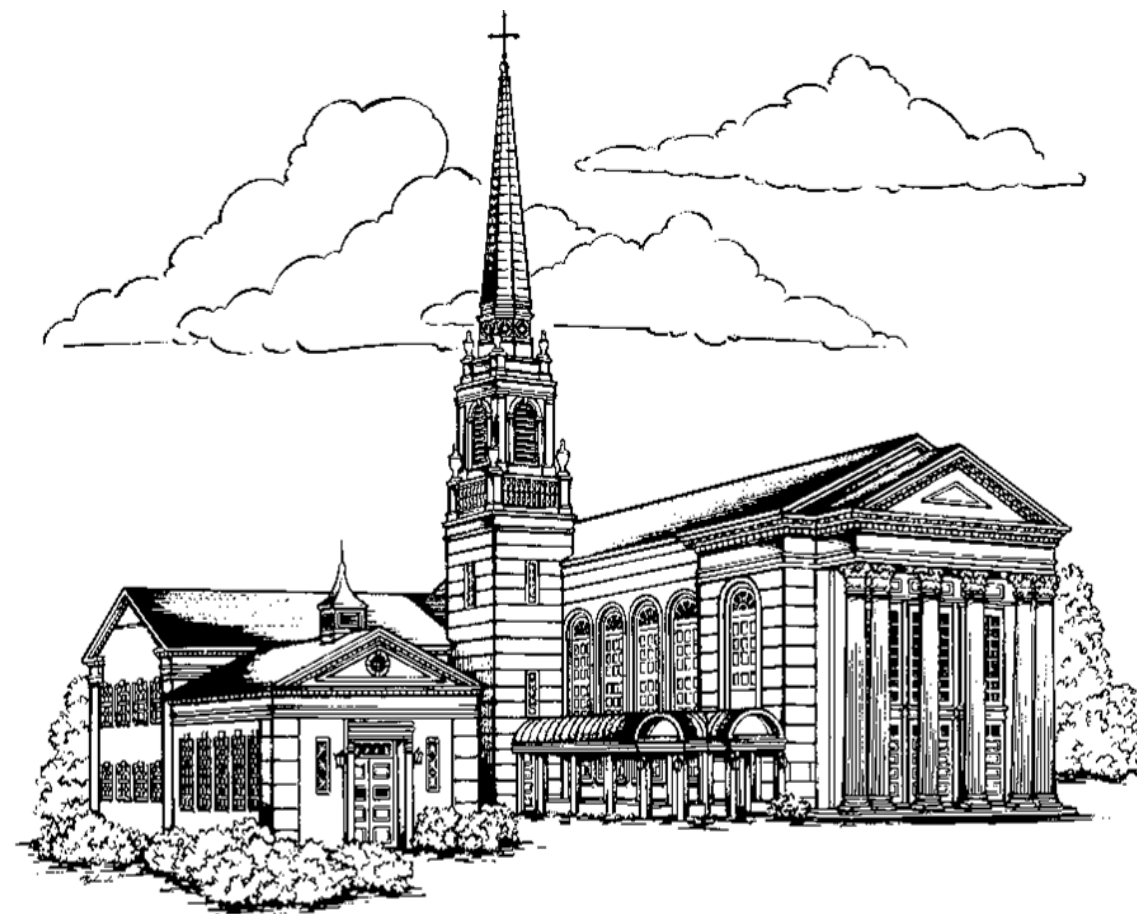
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