

# *The Worship of God*

December 3, 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

## The Gathering

*“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. Wait. Something is on the horizon.”*

Jan L. Richardson

Preparing for Worship and Announcements of the Church

## Prelude

“Awake, O Spirit of the Watchmen”

arr. David Cherwien

## Choral Introit

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

Opening of the Bible  
Ward

Madden

## Call to Worship

Alex Ortiz

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 true love.

**People: We look for signs of your coming.**

## Hymn No. 133

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

## Christian Greetings

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-3

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rena Morrison and Vance Dewey

## 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.*

## Morning Prayer

## Hymn No. 145

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 13: 24-37

## Anthem

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Holst

## Sermon

“Evening, Midnight, Cockcrow, Dawn- A Markan Mystery”

Dr. Ray Howell III

## Hymn No. 157

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

## Offertory Prayer

Brenda Hipp

## The Offertory

“Gabriel's Message”

Paul Manz

## Doxology

(sung to the tune VENI EMMANUEL)

All praise to God, the Holy One;

Praise Christ, in whom God's grace is fully known;

Praise to the Spirit, evermore;

Praise Holy Trinity, whom we adore!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Praise God, the Lord above;

Who sets us free through mercy and love!

## Choral Benediction

“Silent Night”

Mohr

## Postlude

“The Journey to Bethlehem”

Cesar Franck

**Today's Lay Reader is Deb Watson**

## Today's Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

## Sanctuary Poinsettias

In memory of my parents Jimmy and Dorcas Albright by Kay Albright

In memory of Dermont Everhart by Mary Everhart and Family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Minner and Don Minner by Sidney Minner and Family

Please pick up your Poinsettia after the service

## Sunday Service Warm-up

Beethoven and Bluegrass...Piano and Praise...Jesus and Jazz

Coming to FBC in January...Sunday mornings from 10:40-10:55

Join us in the Sanctuary...see you there!!!

## Family Christmas Celebration is Wednesday Night

Our Children's Choirs will sing and we will hear favorite Christmas memories and traditions as we share in a family Christmas celebration. Be sure to make your reservations by noon on Monday.

**Menu:** Assorted Quiches: Lorraine (bacon, cheese & ham) broccoli & cheese, spinach, plain egg & cheese (few), hash brown casserole, salad, biscuits, toast, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

**Children:** Egg/Cheese Omelet

## This Week at First Baptist

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Suite

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room

Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

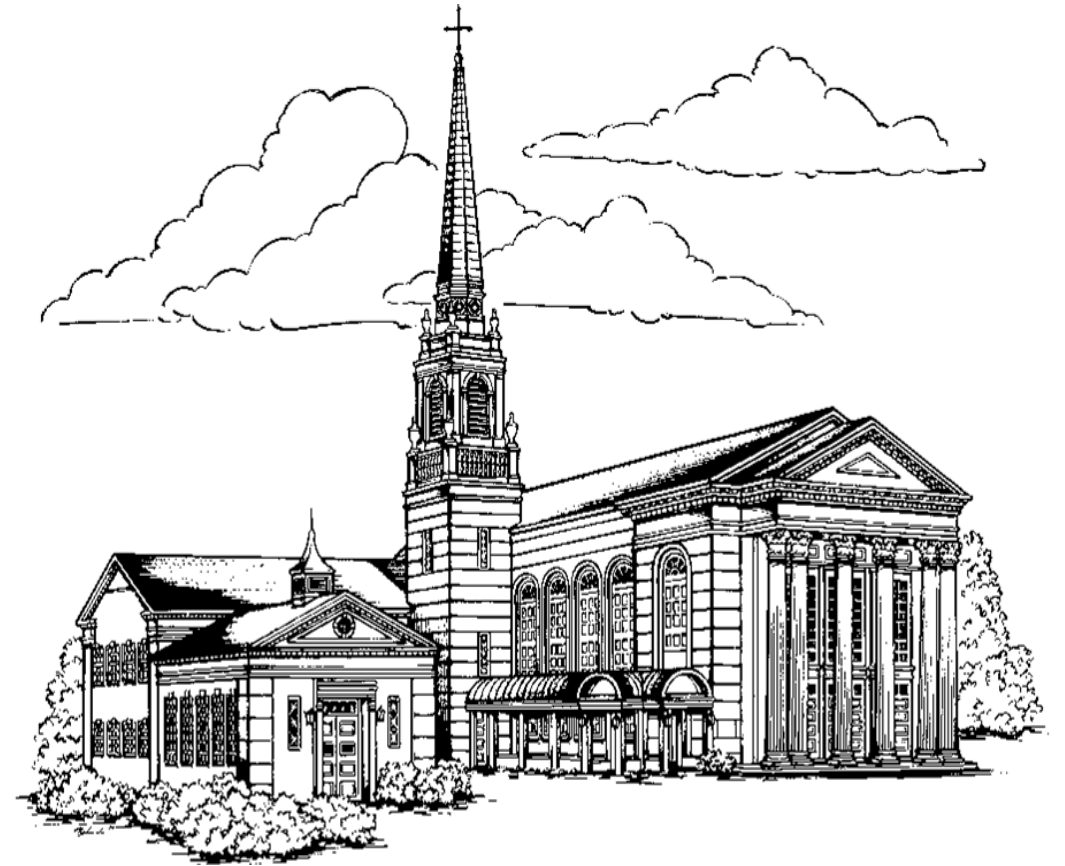
Senior Adult Choir in the Music Suite

Wednesday Night Activities

Christmas Celebration

Sanctuary Choir in the Music

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## Extended Sessions:

December 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bed Babies-** M/M Jon Myers **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Jim Skotthy

**3 and 4 - Year Olds-** Donna Sink and Ann Bishop

December 10<sup>th</sup> **Bed Babies-** M/M Kyle Kepley **Toddler/2 Year-Olds-** M/M Thomas Jolly

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