

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC
The Forty- Fifth Annual
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 16, 2018		Third Sunday of Advent
Prelude	Come, Redeemer of Mankind	Dietrich Buxtehude
Opening of the Bible		Emma Jolly
Greeting		Dr. Ray N. Howell III
Offertory Prayer		Brannon Gilliam
Offertory	Gabriel's Message	Paul Manz
Processional	Once in Royal David's City	arr. Dr. William G. Harbinson
	(Solo) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed. Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild. Jesus Christ her little child.	
	(Choir only) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall: With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth, our Savior holy.	
	(Congregation and Choir) Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.	
	And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above, And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Brian, Wendy & Hailey Walker
Bidding Prayer		Dr. Ray N. Howell III
First Lesson		Alyson Honeycutt
	GOD PROMISES TO BLESS ABRAHAM AND A STAR SHALL COME FORTH FROM JACOB. A Reading from the 22 nd Chapter of Genesis and the 24 th Chapter of Numbers.	
Anthem	There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth	Felix Mendelssohn
Second Lesson		Caroline Pyle
	JACOB WRESTLES WITH AN ANGEL AND PREVAILS A Reading from the 32 nd Chapter of Genesis	

Congregational Carol	Angels from the Realms of Glory	John Rutter
	Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creations' story Now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the new born king.	
	Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the new born king.	
	Sages, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the new born king.	
	Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the new born king.	
Third Lesson		Whitney Brooks
	THAT CHRIST IS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM IS FORETOLD A Reading from the 5 th Chapter of Micah	
Congregational Carol No. 155 (Remain Seated)	O Little Town of Bethlehem	John Rutter
Fourth Lesson		Betty Jane Honeycutt
	THE ANGEL GABRIEL ANNOUNCES TO MARY THAT SHE WILL BE THE MOTHER OF JESUS A Reading from the 1 st Chapter of Luke	
Anthem	Carols Sing Praises Bring	Terry Taylor
Fifth Lesson		Lewie Phillips
	ZECHARIAH BLESSES THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL A Reading from the 1 st Chapter of Luke	
Anthem	Blessed is the Lord (Benedictus)	Dan Forrest
Sixth Lesson		Jennifer Boyle
	SAINT LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST A Reading from the 2 nd Chapter of Luke	
Anthem	Christmas Sanctus	Susan Naus Dengler
Seventh Lesson		Herb Davis
	THE SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM A Reading from the 2 nd Chapter of Luke	

Children’s Choir		
Elaine Allen	Jake Lambeth	Cameron Maddox
Julia Allen	Thomas Allen	Landon Maddox
Jazmine Bishop	Meagan Maddox	Cayden McCarthy
Landon Hicks	Ella Rae Howell	Cate Pyle
Wade Myers	I	
Directors		Pianist
Courtney Foster		Peggy Barnhardt

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.	Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Today at 9 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting in the Parlor
Today at 9:30 a.m.	Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Wednesday at 7 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

“Tis the Season to Party!”

The Youth Christmas Party is Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring a party food and drink to share. If you would like to participate in our gift exchange bring a \$5 gift to exchange.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

- Given in memory of Joe Blackwelder and Grace Cox by Sandra Blackwelder
- Given in loving memory of Jack and Louise Michael by The Michael Family
- Given in honor of Paul and Debra Freeman by Senior Adult Choir
- Given in honor of Peggy Barnhardt by Senior Adult Choir
- Given in memory of Kelly Lowder by The Lowder Family
- Given in memory of Mickey LeCroy by Judy LeCroy
- Given in memory of Horace Conner by Jack and David Colescott

Cancer Services Christmas Party

Our Church and Youth will be hosting the Christmas Party for patients of Cancer Services on Thursday, December 20th. We are expecting over 100 people and we need your help! We can use monetary donations to provide food or donations of desserts and finger foods (Heavy Hors D’oeuvres). Please contact Joyce Howell for more information.

December 16th Bed Babies-M/M William Fulbright

2-4 Year Olds-Sandra Blackwelder/Crystal Alexander

December 23rd Bed Babies-Catherine Pyle/Adriana Ortiz

2-4 Year Olds-M/M Kevin Brown