

The Worship of God

December 2, 2018First Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Today is God’s day of hope – hope for us, hope for all humanity. The darkness that surrounds us will not overtake us, for God is light; and in God there is no darkness at all. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pre-Service MusicGrace Upton

Prelude“The Journey to Bethlehem”Cesar Franck

Choral Introit“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”arr. Freeman

Opening of the BibleElla Rae Howell

Call to WorshipCharlotte Pyle

Leader: Can you feel it? Christ is coming!
People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Leader: Can you hear it? Christ is coming!
People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Leader: Can you see it? Christ is coming!
People: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

Hymn No. 133“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”VENI EMMANUEL

The Dedication of Wilder William Boyle

Prayer of Dedication

Lighting the Advent WreathJosh, Jennifer, Easton, and Wilder Boyle

Hymn No. 149“Away in a Manager”CRADLE SONG

Old Testament LessonJeremiah 33: 14-16

Hymn No. 163“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”German Carol

Morning Prayer

Gospel LessonLuke 21: 25-26

Anthem“I Shall Know Him When He Comes”Wagner

Sermon“Lift Up Your Heads—Your Redemption is Drawing Nigh”Dr. Ray N. Howell III

Hymn No. 135“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”HYFRYDOL

Offertory PrayerBrenda Hipp

The Offertory“O Little Town of Bethlehem”Lewis Redner

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;
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Praise God, the Lord above;
Who sets us free through mercy and love!

Choral Benediction“Silent Night”STILLE NACHT

Postlude“Magnificat”Jean D’Andrieu

Today’s Lay Reader is William Fulbright

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, OrganistSanctuary Choir

Budget Update

Received last week \$9,675.00
Year-to-date surplus as of October 31, 2018 \$4,720.55

Grace Episcopal Church Homeless Lunch

We need volunteers to cover January 13 and 20 to help feed the homeless lunch at Grace Episcopal Church. A signup sheet is in the church office.

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.	Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room
Today at 9:30 a.m.	Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor
Today at 10 a.m.	Birthday Party for Jesus—Children's Fellowship Hall
Today at 4 p.m.	Children Rehearse for Choir Program
Today at 6 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper followed by Youth
Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir in Music Suite
Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.	Business Meeting and Global Mission Focus
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

Children's Christmas Choir Program is at 5:30 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall—Reception to Follow

Salvation Army Christmas Angels are due Wednesday

Prison Ministry Christmas Party—This Tuesday

Desserts are the greatest need. Contact Newell Davis for more information

Christmas Food Boxes are December 12

Cancer Services Christmas Party is December 20

Poinsettias are given in honor of Joyce and Ray Howell, Sandra and Tommy Wilson, Phyllis and Rod Penry, Sandye and Tommy Saintsing, Hazel Frady, and Beverly Khemlani with Love from The Sterling Wall Family.

A poinsettia is given in memory of Don Minner and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Minner by Sidney Minner.

Menu: Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Oven Roasted Vegetables, Salad and Rolls

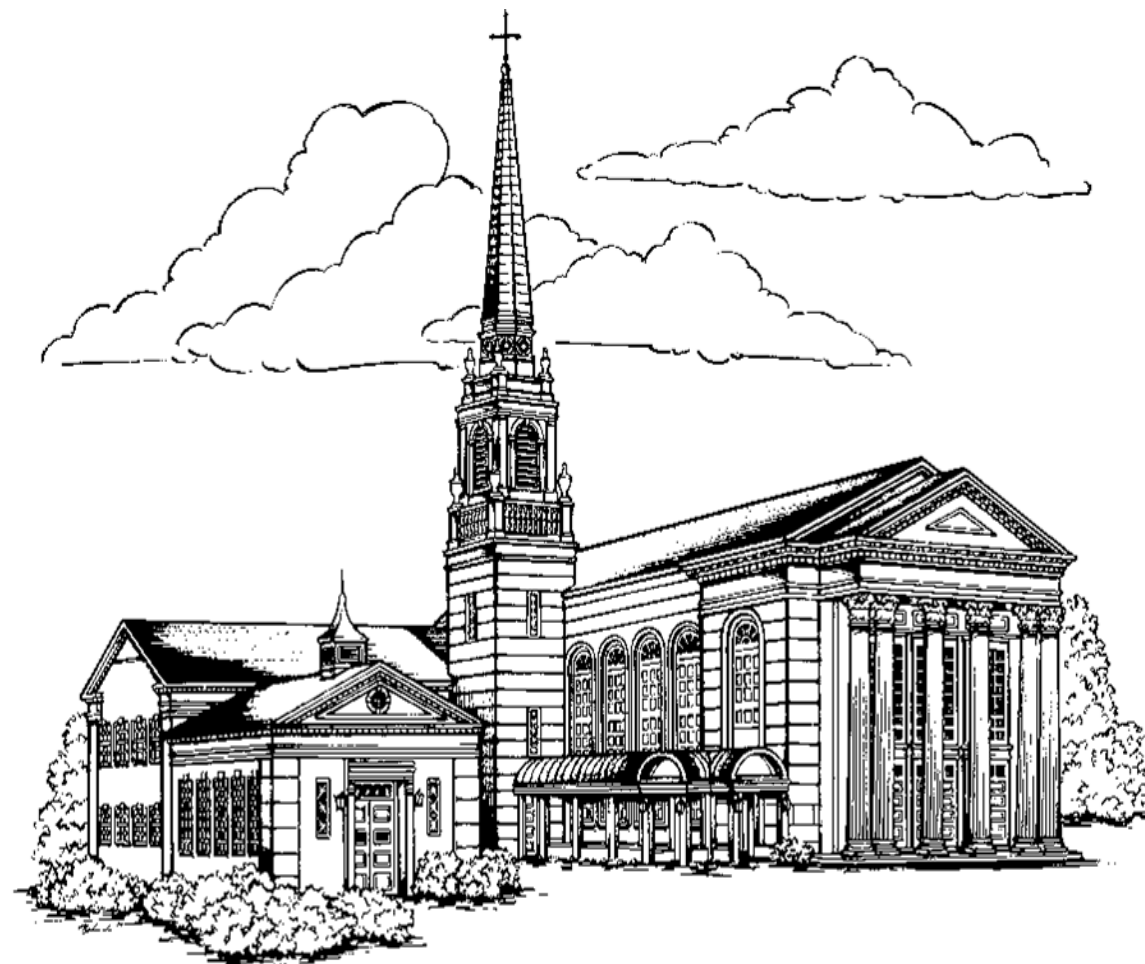
December 2nd **Bed Babies**-Jen Allen/Brooke Williams, **2-4 Year Olds**- M/M Dale Lambeth
December 9th **Bed Babies**-Brenda Sprinkle/Sarah Hall/Spencer Hall, **2-4 Year Olds**-Katie Hartley/Kelly Wright

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