

The Worship of God

December 1, 2019First 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.

Prelude“Finale on HYFRYDOL”Henry Coleman

Choral Introit

Opening of the BibleBraden Williams

Call to WorshipHailey Walker

Leader: Advent is upon us, a season of wondering, watching and waiting.
People: Come into our world, Lord Jesus.
Leader: We see signs of God’s presence all around us.
People: In the smile of a child.
Leader: In the beauty of the Chrismon tree.
People: In the promise of peace.
Leader: Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus.
People: Born to set thy people free.

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

The Children’s Time

Christian Greetings

Lighting of the Advent WreathBrian, Wendy and Hailey Walker

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

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 2:1-5

Morning Prayer

New Testament LessonRomans 13: 11-14

Hymn No. 145“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Offertory Prayer

The Offertory“O Little Town of Bethlehem”Jeanne Shaffer

DoxologyOLD HUNDREDTH

Gospel LessonMatthew 24: 36-44

Anthem“In the Bleak Midwinter”Harold Darke

Sermon“You Better Watch Out”Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 151“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”GO TELL IT

Benediction

Postlude“The Journey to Bethlehem”Cesar Franck

Today’s Lay Reader is Robert Adams

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, OrganistSanctuary Choir

Poinsettias are given in loving memory of

Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Bishop by Don & Ann Bishop
Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Meacham by Don & Ann Bishop
Don Minner by The Minner Family

Orlen & Sadie Carrick, Scott & Cleo Snider, William & Angela Brown and
Frances Taricco by Jim & Wendy Skotthy

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m.

Today at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room

Coffee and fellowship on the Second Floor

Quarterly Meeting and Budget Vote

Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

Grace Episcopal Church Homeless Lunch

We need volunteers to cover January 5, 12, 19 and 26 to help feed the homeless lunch at Grace Episcopal Church. A signup sheet is in the church office.

Salvation Army Christmas Angels are due next Sunday

Prison Ministry Christmas Party—This Tuesday

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

Christmas Food Box Assembly is December 11 in the Fellowship Hall

Nine Lessons and Carols Meal—December 15

We invite you to join the choir and orchestra following the Nine Lessons on December 15 for a delicious meal. The cost is \$15 and reservations are necessary.

Birthday Party for Jesus and Children's Nativity

Children will gather in the Children's Fellowship Hall on next Sunday, December 8 at 10 a.m. for the Birthday Party for Jesus. Please bring a pair of new pajamas for the IAMJ3 Ministry. Join our children next Sunday evening, for a Children's Nativity in the Fellowship Hall. A meal and time of fellowship will follow including decorating Gingerbread Houses.

Childcare for Nine Lessons and Christmas Eve

Please contact us if you need childcare for the Nine Lessons on December 15 or Christmas Eve. So we can make appropriate arrangements.

December 1st **Bed Babies**-Jen Allen/Brooke Williams
2-4 Year Olds- M/M Dale Lambeth

December 8th **Bed Babies**- M/M Greg Briggs
2-4 Year Olds- Margaret Ann Maddox/Whitney Brooks

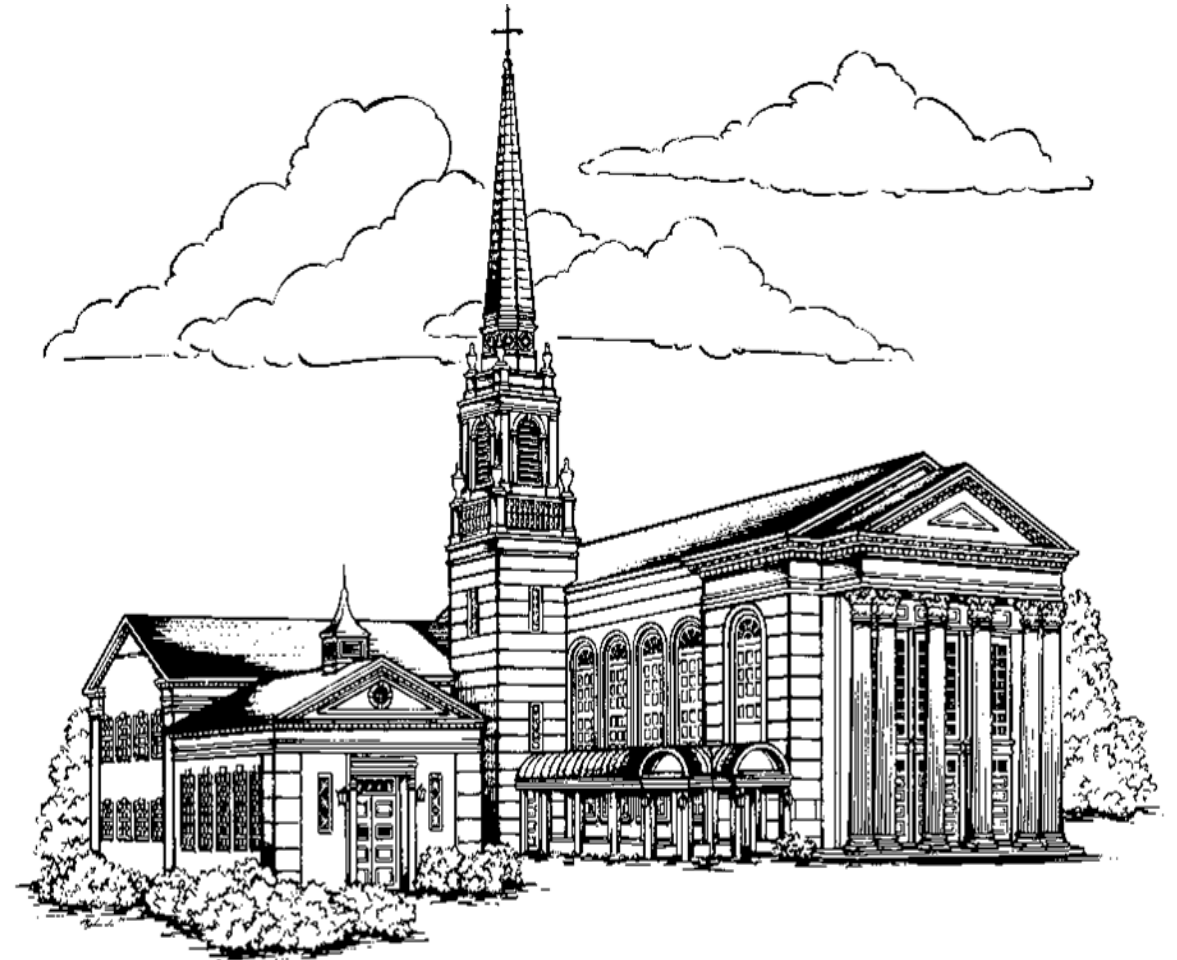
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