

The Worship of God		
December 8, 2019	The Second Sunday of Advent	
The Gathering		
“As the days grow short and the sun’s light wanes, let us shine with the everlasting light for the world to see as we worship the God of hope. God’s promised salvation is at hand.”		
Prelude	“Gabriel’s Message”	Paul Manz
Choral Introit	“O Holy Child of Bethlehem”	Redner
Opening of the Bible		Cate Pyle
Call to Worship	Mary Evann Thornhill	
Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.		
People: God’s promised salvation is at hand.		
Leader: The Spirit of the Lord rests upon him.		
People: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.		
Leader: The Spirit of counsel and might.		
People: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.		
Leader: God’s promised salvation is at hand.		
People: Come and worship the newborn King.		
Hymn No. 174	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	REGENT SQUARE
Christian Greetings		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Hubert and Cateen Olive
Hymn No. 170	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	CAROL
Old Testament Lessons		2 Samuel 7: 16 and Isaiah 11: 1-10
Hymn No. 163	“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”	ENTSPRUNGEN

Morning Prayer		
Gospel Lesson	Luke 1: 26-33	
Anthem	“Salvation is Created”	Tschesnokoff
Sermon	“Forever”	Dr. Ray N. Howell III
Hymn No. 150	“What Child Is This?”	GREENSLEEVES
Offertory Prayer	Brannon Gilliam	
The Offertory	“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Albin Whitworth
Choral Benediction	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	Miller
Postlude	“Magnificat”	Jean D’Andrieu

Today’s Lay Reader is Linda Engstrom

Musicians for Today’s Service

Beverly Khemlani, Organist	Sanctuary Choir
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Poinsettias are given by The Sterling Wall Family in loving memory of

Carroll Wall, Betsy & Bill Medford, John & Emily Minor and Rod Penry

Poinsettias are given by The Sterling Wall Family in honor of

Hazel Frady, Evelyn Bingham, Tommy & Sandra Wilson, Ray & Joyce Howell, Julia & David Dunn, Sandy & Tommy Saintsing, Carol Jean Wall, and Don & Ann Bishop

Poinsettias are given by Robert & Jane Hedrick in honor of

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Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Bonnie Harvey and her family in the death of her son Steve who passed away on December 1.

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.-12 noon Birthday Party for Jesus in Children's Fellowship Hall
Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir in Music Suite

Children's Nativity at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Today

Join the children for a time of worship and celebration followed by a meal and Gingerbread House decorating.

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.

Christmas Food Box Assembly

Volunteers are needed to help pack food boxes at 9:30 a.m. 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 with a deadline of Monday at noon.

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

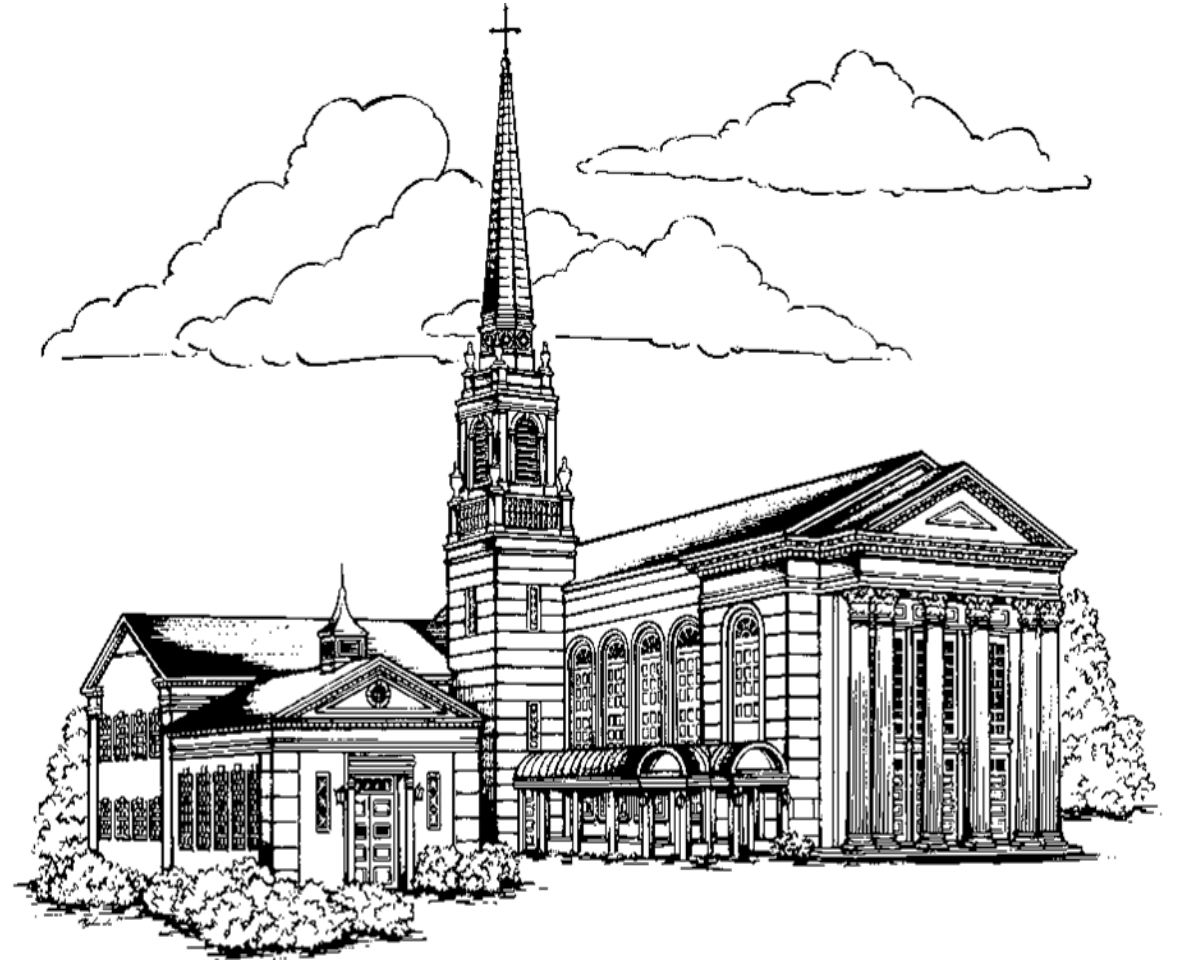
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