

The Worship of God		
December 22, 2019	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
The Gathering		
Look to the heavens, look to the light. Listen for the angels, listen for the bells. Discover the miracle of Christmas, discover the joy of belief. For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.		
Prelude	“O Come, Divine Messiah”	Robert Powell
Choral Introit	“O Holy Child of Bethlehem”	Redner
Opening of the Bible		Jacob Young
Call to Worship		Drew Lingerfelt
Leader: Good Christian friends, rejoice! People: With heart and soul and voice! Leader: For unto us a child is born. People: Unto us a son is given. Leader: Christ is born today! People: Christ is born to save!		
Carol No. 157	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	IN DULCI JUBILO
Christian Greetings		
Old Testament Lesson		Isaiah 9: 2-7
Morning Prayer		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Dave and Kristi,Lily, Luke Mary Evann, Sarah Thornhill and Becky Kirkendall	
Carol No. 155	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	ST.LOUIS
Offertory Prayer		Brenda Hipp
The Offertory	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	David Cherwien

Gloria Patri		
“The Christmas Bells – Circa 1880s”		
Scene 1:	The Clockmaker’s Shop	
Solo	“I Wonder as I Wander”	Appalachian Carol
Scene 2:	The Next Morning	
Carol No. 152	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	GLORIA
The Children’s Time		
Scene 3:	Christmas Eve	
Carol (See Insert)	“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”	WALTHAM
Scene 4:	Christmas Day	
Carol No. 147	“Away in a Manger”	AWAY IN A MANGER
Epilogue		
Carol No. 146	“Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”	ANTIOCH
Choral Benediction	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	Miller
Postlude	“Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts”	Albin Whitworth
Today’s Lay Reader is Ethan Fulbright		
Musicians for Today’s Service		
Beverly Khemlani, Organist	Ralph Ashley, Soloist	Sanctuary Choir

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Barton who passed away on December 10. A memorial service will be this afternoon at 2 p.m.

Poinsettias are given in loving memory of

Dick & Birdie Dunn, Carroll Wall, Betsy Wall Medford & Bill Medford by David & Julia Dunn
Kelly Lowder by Richard & Ferry Lane Lowder and Family
Janet Conner by Suzy & Miriam Conner
Bob, Chad & Matthew Kirkendall by The Dave Thornhill Family
Grace Cox by Sandra Blackwelder

Poinsettias are given in honor of

Becky Kirkendall by The Dave Thornhill Family
Julie, David, Rachel and Lauren Huneycutt by Sandra Blackwelder

Dramatic Presentation

The role of Ella is played by Ella Rae Cooley Howell. Special thanks to Richard Honeycutt, Trey Shoaf, Beverly Khemlani, Joyce Howell, and Ralph Ashley.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion

Music will begin at 5:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will be receiving a special offering to help us reach our church budget.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday is an informal service of worship. The Nine Lessons will be rebroadcast on the radio.

This Week at First Baptist

Today at 9 a.m. Prayer Ministry in the Conference Room and at
9:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship on the second floor

The church office and MBCC will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

December 22nd **Bed Babies-** Libby Foster/Courtney Foster
2-4 Year Olds- M/M Thomas Jolly

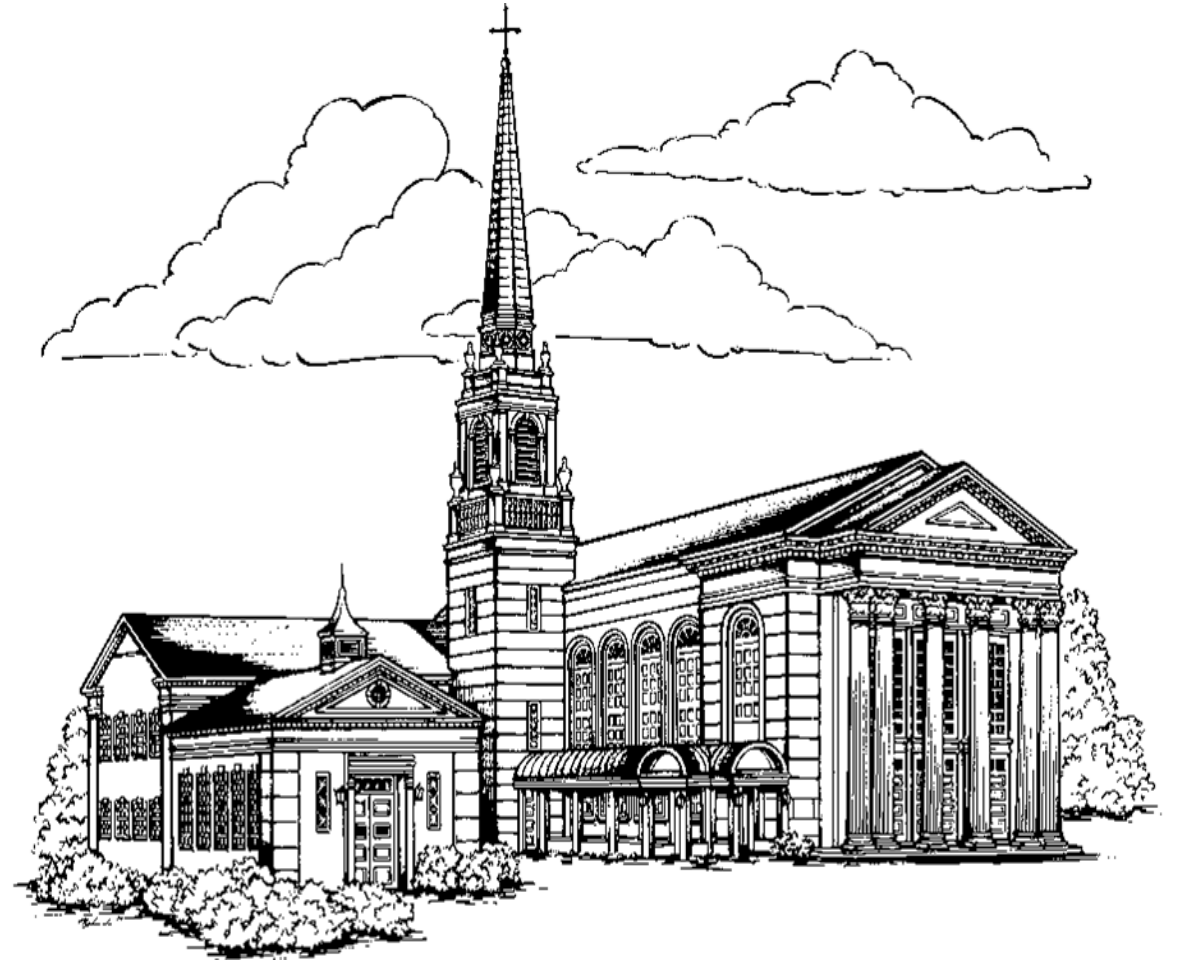
December 29th **Bed Babies-** M/M Don Watson
2-4 Year Olds- Julie McNaught/Rena Morrison

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