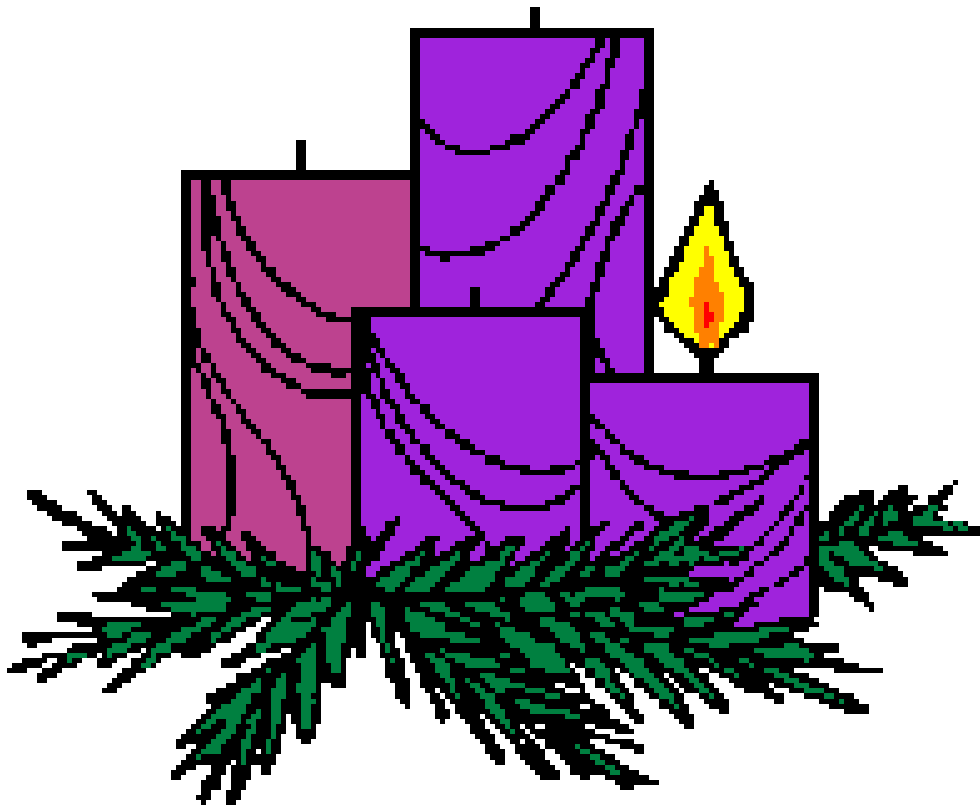


# *The First Sunday of Advent*



*First Baptist Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*November 27, 2016*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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November 27, 2016

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Ryan Clore

**Meditation**

Advent is a season of waiting.  
But we do not wait alone.  
God is with us.  
We gather with those who have seen the signs,  
heard the whispers, felt the tugs in their hearts.  
God is birthing hope into this waiting world.  
Let us worship with hearts open to hope.

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

Mr. Dwayne Blair  
Dietrich Buxtehude

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 122

Rev. Clore

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

People: **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.**

Leader: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD. For there the thrones for  
judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

People: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."**

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

People: **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 247** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon on the last stanza of the hymn.  
Children age five and younger who wish may attend Children's Worship.

**Children's Sermon**

The Candle of Hope

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

## Congregational Response

*Advent: Hope*

MUELLER



## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

## The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Rev. Eddie Fort

## \* Offertory Hymn, No. 199

REGENT SQUARE

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

## \* Offertory Prayer

Haywood Corbett

## Offertory

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Mr. Blair  
Wilber Held

## \* Offertory Response

*Doxology for Advent*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Worship through Song

*Creation Will Be at Peace*

The Chancel Choir  
Anna Laura Page

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Clore

## Sermon

An Unexpected Guest

Rev. Clore

## \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 105

BUNESSAN

*Child in the Manger*

**\* Benediction Response**

The Chancel Choir

*Advent Blessing*

Eddie Fort

May the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love  
be with you throughout this Advent Season. Amen

Please remain in place until the acolytes have come forward to take the Light of Christ  
out of the sanctuary and into our community and world.

**\* Postlude**

*Lift Up Your Heads*

Mr. Blair  
Q. Thomas



The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Alatha Hill  
by Dewey and Muriel Hill.

We welcome Mr. Dwayne Blair as our guest organist today.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday, November 27**

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome Center
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 10:55 a.m. **Morning Worship** (live broadcast on WTXY 1540)  
Children's Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for all participants in Hanging of the Greens
- 4:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. Youth warm-up
- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir warm-up
- 5:50 p.m. All participants need to be in the sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
- 7:00 p.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, November 28**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 30**

(No Wednesday Night Activities)

### **Sunday, December 4**

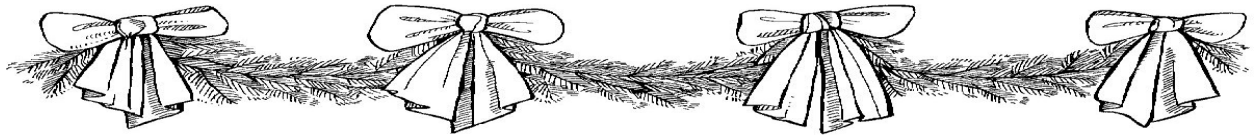
- 8:30 a.m. Missionary Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome Center
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbell Choir

### **Deacons of the Week**

Emory Worley / Merle Worley

(live broadcast on WTXY 1540 and [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com),  
click on the "Listen Live - On Air" button)

# *Advent and Christmas 2016*



## **Hanging of the Greens**

Sunday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall)

## ***God Is With Us***

**Presented by: The Chancel Choir**  
Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 p.m.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.





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