



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

*First Baptist Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*December 1, 2019*

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 1, 2019**

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Dr. Fred Senter

**The Advent Wreath**

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of hope. Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

People: **We light this candle to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.**

Leader: Let us pray: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with Us—we pray for you to send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you—both now—and forevermore. Amen

**Prelude**

*Once in Royal David's City*

Acolyte: Mary-Gregg Williamson

Mr. Jim Council  
arr. Carlos Straszenski

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 122**

Dr. Senter

**Invocation**

Dr. Senter

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 247**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte

**Hymn Response, No. 83**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

FESTAL SONG

**Epistle Reading**

Romans 13:11-14

Mrs. Brenda Carter

**\* Offertory Hymn, No. 586**

MESSAGE

*We've a Story to Tell*

**\* Offertory Prayer**

Mrs. Lauren Cole

**Offertory**

*Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

Mr. Jim Council  
Healy Willan

**\* Offertory Response**

*Doxology*

VENI EMMANUEL

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

**Children's Sermon**

Mrs. Sandra Floyd

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Senter

**Worship through Song**

*Come, Lord Jesus*

The Chancel Choir  
arr. Michael Hayes

Lord, we await your coming,  
We long to be set free.  
Break the chains that bind our hearts  
and help our unbelief.  
Visit us with power,  
empower us to love.  
May your kingdom come on earth  
as it's come in heav'n above.

**Refrain:**

Come, Lord Jesus, hope of the ages;  
come reveal yourself to me.  
Come, Lord Jesus, Mighty Savior;  
bring your kingdom forth in me.

Lord, we await your coming,  
we long to see your face,  
to see the love that fills your eyes,  
to revel in your grace.  
Visit us with power,  
empower us to love.  
May your kingdom come on earth  
as it's come in heav'n above.  
**Refrain:**

**Congregation and Choir:**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
coming Savior, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Come, Lord Jesus, Mighty Savior,  
be reborn in us today.

**Sermon**

Rev. Michael Brooks

**\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 105**

BUNESSAN

*Child in the Manger*

**Benediction**

Dr. Senter

**\* Benediction Response**

*Advent Prayer*

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.

The Chancel Choir  
William Brown

**\* Postlude**

*There's A Song in the Air*

Mr. Jim Council  
arr. Wilbur Held



The Advent Wreath Readings were adapted from:  
Epworth-A United Methodist Church and [www. pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, December 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Missions Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School in fellowship hall  
Small Children to be dismissed for Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 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
- 5:15 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbell Choir
- 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, December 2**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 4**

- 5:00 p.m. Young Musicians (grades 1-5)
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Friday, December 6**

- 12:00 p.m. Gleaners SS Class Lunch

### **Sunday, December 8**

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

### **Saturday, December 14**

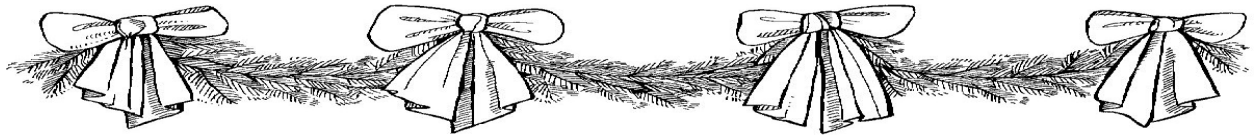
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Caroling

### **Deacons of the Week**

Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley

(live broadcast on WTXY 1540 and [www.wtxy1540.com](http://www.wtxy1540.com),  
click on the "Click to Listen Live" link under "Church Services")

# *Advent and Christmas 2019*



## **Hanging of the Greens**

Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.  
(Reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall)

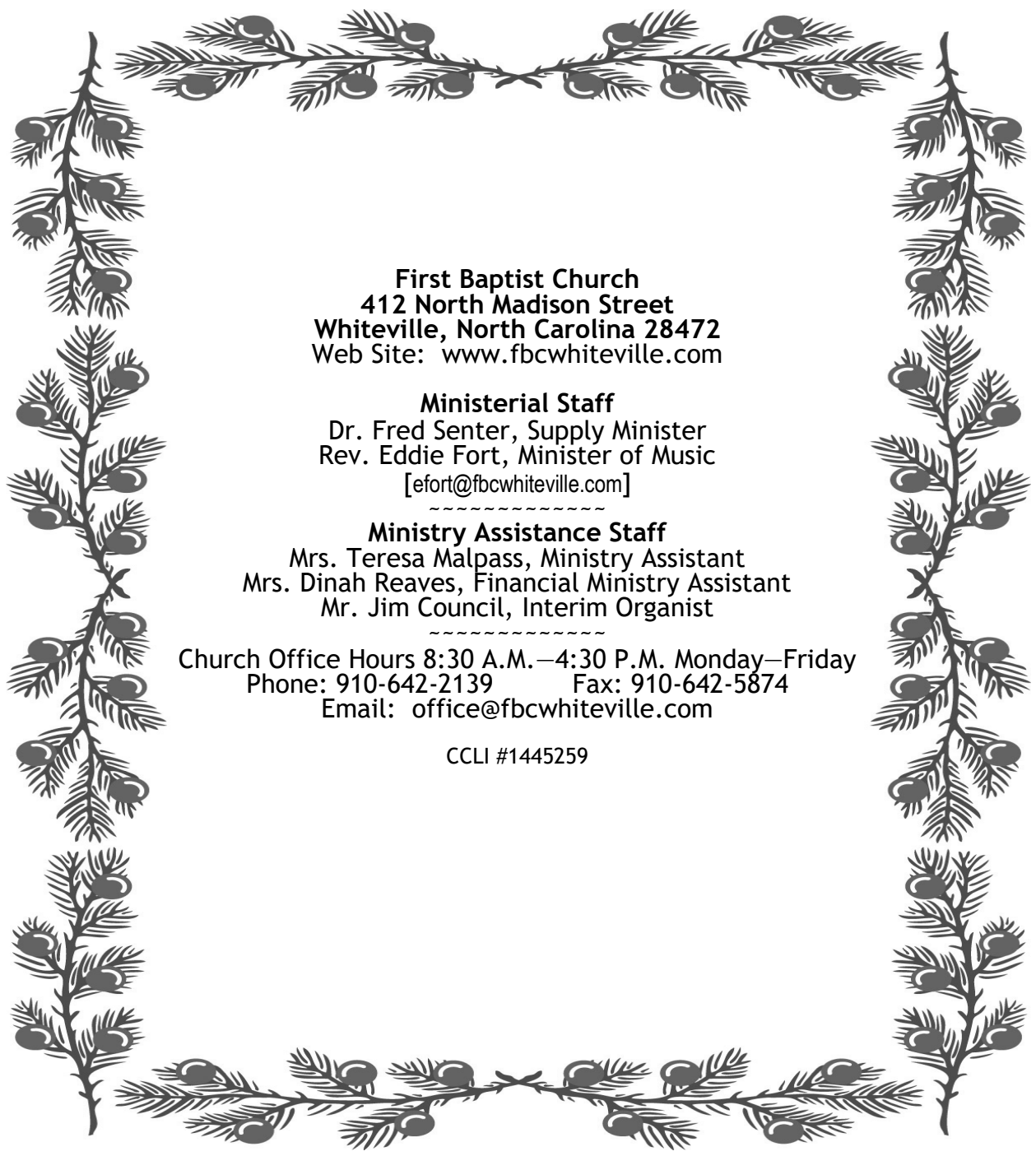
## ***Come Ye Faithful***

**Presented by: The Chancel and Youth Choirs**  
Choir Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

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





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