



First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 2, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

The season of Advent is an invitation to meditate on the promises of God. Here is what the prophet Jeremiah sees:

- . . a righteous leader will spring up.
- . . .one who will carry out justice and righteousness.
-one who brings salvation and safety for the people.

How then do we live as those who believe that the promises of God will be fulfilled?

- . . as those who lift up their souls to God.
- . . .as those who walk a path of love and faithfulness.
-as those who work for justice and righteousness.
-as those who live in the light of hope.

Prelude

The Advent of Our King

Mr. Jim Council
arr. Raymond Haan

Call to Worship

Congregation

Leader: The days are coming, says the LORD,

People: when the promise will be fulfilled.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: but God's Word will stand forever.

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 247

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: the Candle of Hope

Chris and Elizabeth Blackmon



Leader: Hear God’s promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16: “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

People: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

Leader: As we go on a Journey to Bethlehem, we await with great anticipation for the coming of Jesus. God is already here with us (Emmanuel) and He desires for us to embrace the life that He will send in His one and only Son, Jesus Christ—the one that brings us hope, peace, joy and love to the world and to each of us.

People: Today we light the first candle, the candle of Hope, with great expectation of the coming Messiah. The day of salvation is here and now.

Leader: The world that we live in can be unkind and unloving. Today let us not allow the world to bring us down, but rather choose hope—a hope in a Savior that will bring light and life to a broken world.
Let us pray: Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the budding of Christ’s advent among us.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

All: *Sing Response:*

*** Offertory Hymn, No. 128** *Lift Up Your Heads*

TRURO

*** Offertory Prayer**

Mr. Bobby Hensley

Offertory

Come, Your Hearts and voices Raising

Mr. Jim Council
arr. Raymond Haan

*** 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		Mr. Melvin Ezzell
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
Worship through Song	<i>I Shall Know Him</i>	The Chancel Choir Douglas E. Wagner
The Gospel Reading	Luke 21:25-36	Rev. Clore
Sermon	What a Green Leaf Means	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 121		MARGARET
	<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i> (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)	
Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response	<i>Jesus, the Light of the World</i>	The Chancel Choir arr. Claude L. Bass
	Jesus, the Light of the World, Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Shine down your hope, shine it through me; Good news, glad tidings to all the world send.	
* Postlude	<i>Fughetta</i>	Mr. Jim Council Antonin Dvořák

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 2

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbell Choir
- 5:20 p.m. Children's Choirs warm-up
- 5:40 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 3

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

- 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

Thursday, December 6

- 3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Friday, December 7

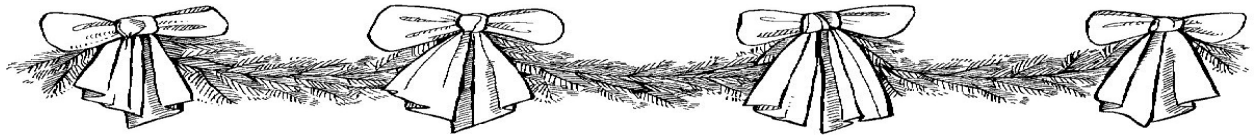
- 12:00 p.m. Gleaners SS Class Luncheon

Deacons of the Week

Joe Hooks / Merle Worley

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

Advent and Christmas 2017



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.
(Reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall)

An Early American Lesson in Carols

**Presented by: The Chancel and
Youth Choirs**

Choir Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service

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





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