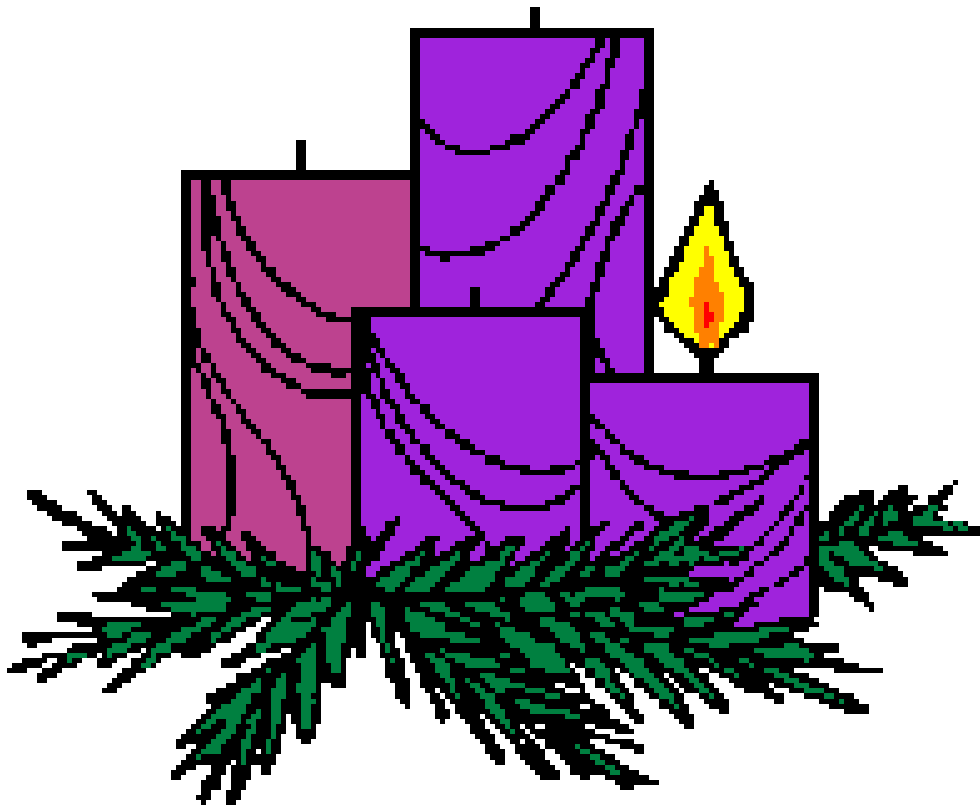


The First Sunday of Advent



First Baptist Church

Whiteville, North Carolina

December 3, 2023

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

*Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

Greeting

Dr. Chris Hillman

Prelude

Overture
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

Choral Call to Worship

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Chancel Choir

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

*** Hymn of Praise, No. 85**

Congregation

The First Nowell

A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 NIV

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Chris Duncan and Lisa Voss
Acolyte: Benlyn Sauls

Lisa: 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.

Chris: We light this candle to remind us that Christ 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.

Pastor: 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.

Hymn Response

One Candle Is Lit

Chancel Choir

Worship Through Music

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Chancel Choir

Offertory Hymn, No. 120

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 NIV

Congregation

*** Offertory Prayer**

Mr. John Sauls

Offertory

He Shall Feed His Flock
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

*** Advent Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Donna Prince

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:14

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

He Gave Us a Sign

Dr. Hillman

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 121**

Congregation

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Christ Jesus. . .being in the form of God . . . was made in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

*** Postlude**

And the Glory of the Lord

Mrs. Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

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The altar arrangement is given by Michael Memory to the glory of God
in thankfulness for His bounty.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, December 3**
9:00 a.m. Missions Emphasis Sunday with breakfast
and testimony by Chasen Hillman with
combined Sunday School by Dr. Senter
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
- Monday, December 4**
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- Wednesday, December 6**
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, December 10**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Monday, December 11**
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- Wednesday, December 13, 20, 27**
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
- Sunday, December 17**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Columbus Community Band Concert in the
FBC Sanctuary
- Monday, December 18**
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- Tuesday, December 19**
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
- Thursday, December 21**
6:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Live Nativity
- Sunday, December 24**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26**
Church Office Closed for Christmas



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Deacons of the Week

12/03 Kate C. Lee / Kirby Sanderson
12/10 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray
12/17 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
12/24 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray