

# *The Second Sunday of Advent*



*First Baptist Church*  
*Whiteville, North Carolina*  
*December 4, 2016*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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 love into this waiting world.  
Let us worship with hearts open to love.

**Prelude**

*The Faithful Shepherd*

Mr. Jim Council  
George Frederic Handel

Acolytes: Elizabeth and Maggie Hensley

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Congregation

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

People: **May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.**

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

People: **May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

Leader: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

People: **In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: **Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

Invocation

Rev. Clore

**\* Hymn of Praise, No. 77**

HYFRYDOL

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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

**Children's Sermon**

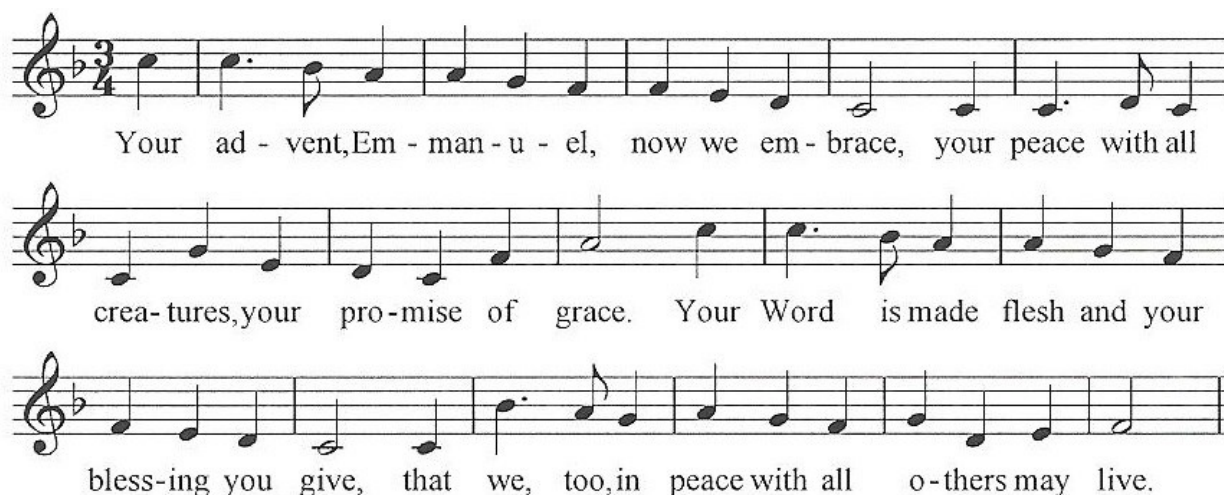
*The Candle of Peace*

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

**Congregational Response**

*Advent: Peace*

MUELLER



Your ad - vent, Em - man - u - el, now we em - brace, your peace with all  
crea - tures, your pro - mise of grace. Your Word is made flesh and your  
bless - ing you give, that we, too, in peace with all o - thers may live.

**The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Mrs. Myrtle Corbett

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Clore

**\* Offertory Hymn, No. 93**

CAROL

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**\* Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

*Voluntary on "Greensleeves"*

Mr. Council  
arr. A. F. Schultz

**\* Offertory Response**

*Doxology for Advent*

VENI EMMANUEL

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

*Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus*

The Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

Come Thou, long expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Fill our hearts with heaven's peace.

Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unending praises be!  
Honor, glory and dominion  
and eternal victory.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
These we render unto Thee.

Jesus comes, the heav'ns adoring,  
comes with peace from realms on high.  
Jesus comes to win redemption,  
lowly comes on earth to die.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Make a way, the Lord is nigh.

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise and glorify the King!

## Introduction of Guest Speaker

Rev. Clore

## The Epistle Reading

Acts 17:24-27

Rev. Marc Wyatt

## Sermon

Not Far From Us

Rev. Wyatt

## \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 583

TIDINGS

*O Zion Haste*

## \* Benediction

Rev. Clore

## \* Benediction Response

The Chancel Choir

*Advent Blessing*

Eddie Fort

May God's 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

*Exultate Deo*

Mr. Council  
Vincent Williams

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday, December 4**

8:30 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, Children's Worship
3:00 p.m.	Whiteville Christmas Parade
5:00 p.m.	Youth/Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m.	Youth Progressive Dinner

### **Monday, December 5**

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

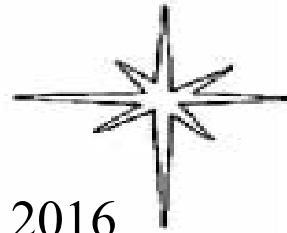
### **Wednesday, December 7**

5:00 p.m.	Children's Music Activity grades 1-5
5:45 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### **Friday, December 9**

12:00 p.m.	Gleaners SS Class Lunch
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**Deacons of the Week:** Rose Langston / Kate Carter

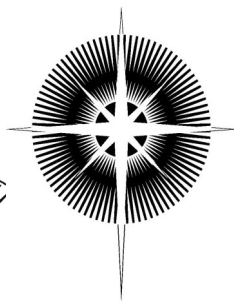
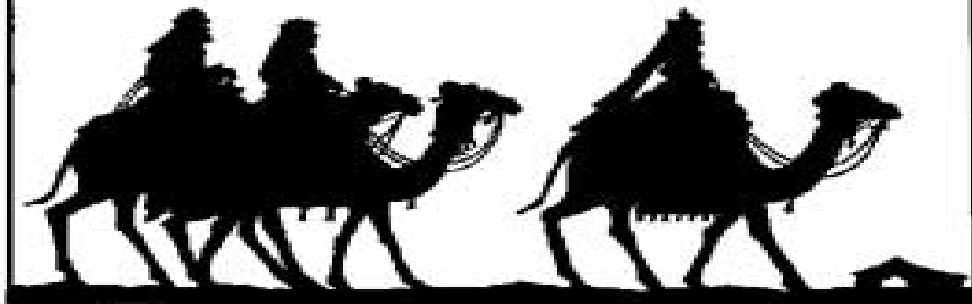


Sunday, December 18, 2016

At 11:00am

Chancel Choir Presents

## “God is With Us”



## Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 P.M.

## Christmas Parade

First Baptist Church is excited to participate in this year's **Whiteville Christmas Parade!** Join us this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. as we support our community and share the love of Christ with those around us. The parade will proceed downtown on Madison Street, which makes our church lawn the perfect location to setup your chairs, blankets and drink hot cocoa while you enjoy the parade!



## Being the Presence of Christ During the Christmas Season

In October our community and surrounding communities were devastated by the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Even though most of our immediate needs have been remedied (i.e. water, power, etc.), many in communities around us are still struggling to recover from the impact of the storm (home repairs, loss of work, etc.), and this is such a difficult time of year to be in need or to be displaced. Let us continue to be the presence of Christ and continue to be aware of and reach out to those still in need.

## F3 - Fitness, Fellowship and Faith

We want to invite the men of our congregation to come out and take part in the Fitness, Fellowship and Faith workout group that meets every Saturday morning at 6:50 at Whiteville High School. There is an interest in the community for also getting a women's group together—nothing specific yet—stayed tuned for details and women, let us know if you have an interest in being involved in the start-up.

*IN EVERYTHING Give Thanks*  
1 THESS. 5:18



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