

The Second Sunday of Advent



*First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 10, 2017*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

This is the season of holy waiting.
We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.
We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.
We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.
Come, let us walk in the light of God!

Prelude

Mr. Jim Council

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light arr. Roger Thygerson

Parent, Child Dedication

Henry James Bazemore - Parents, Heather and Stephen Bazemore
Joseph Colton Bowling - Parents, John and Jennifer Bowling
John Carl Bowling - Parents, John and Jennifer Bowling
Addilyn Grey Faulk - Parents, Justin and Holly Faulk
Addison Grant Jordan - Parents, Ellis and Taylor Jordan
Carter Brooks Lynn - Parents, Brittany Lynn and Thomas Worth Elliott, III
Jayden Cole Lynn - Mother, Megan Lynn
Jordan Avery Lynn - Mother, Megan Lynn
Jordan Davis Prince - Parents, Crystal and Alston Prince
Brantley Joseph Russell - Mother, Rian Russell
River Langdon Scott - Parents, Ethan and Katherine Scott
Kevin Grant Williamson, Jr. - Parents, Kevin and Melissa Williamson
Margaret-Elizabeth Rivers Williamson - Parents, Jennifer and Greg Williamson

Minister: Children are an incredible gift from God. To thank God for the gift of life, Hannah and Elkannah took Samuel to the temple to dedicate him to God (1 Samuel 24). Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to thank God for him (Luke 2:22-39).

This morning, these parents bring their children to worship. They come to dedicate themselves and their children to God, and to commit themselves to raising their children in the way of faith and faithful living. They come to thank God for this precious gift.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

In Psalm 139:13-14, we read: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Each of us here today have been fearfully and wonderfully created.

Families gathered for the Parent, Child dedication, will you please come forward?

Minister: We are here today to present the following children to the church and dedicate them to God: Henry James Bazemore, Joseph Bowling, John Carl Bowling, Addilyn Grey Faulk, Addison Grant Jordan, Carter Brooks Lynn, Jayden Cole Lynn, Jordan Avery Lynn, Jordan Davis Prince, Brantley Joseph Russell, River Langdon Scott, Kevin Grant Williamson, and Margaret-Elizabeth Rivers Williamson. Parents, you have been entrusted with a magnificent responsibility.

Parents: *We lovingly accept this responsibility.*

Minister: Congregation, what can we affirm about these children?

People: **That they are made in the image of God, and they are children of God.**

Minister: As these young ones grow up in our congregation, how will we show that they are children of God?

People: **We will give them our love and will include them in the experiences of our church family.**

Minister: As these children grow into childhood, what will we tell them about their history?

People: **We will tell them about Abraham, the father of our faith;
about Sarah, the mother of Isaac;
about Moses, who led the Hebrew children into the promised land;
about Ruth's example of faithfulness;
about the Jewish hope of a Messiah;
about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery;
about Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world;
and about the history of the church as the people of God.**

Minister: What will we expect from these young ones?

People: **We look to the day when they will declare faith in Jesus Christ, sit with us at the Lord's Table, confirm the heritage that we pass along to them, and come as adults to full commitment to God's will and work.**

Minister: Parents, do you assume your primary responsibility for keeping your children in touch with such expectations?

Parents: *Yes, we dedicate ourselves to teach our children the ways of God, through Christ our Savior.*

Minister: And do you, the congregation, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for these young ones?

People: **Yes, we do, for they belong to us as well.**

Minister: Then, may God always be with you Henry James Bazemore, Joseph Bowling, John Carl Bowling, Addilyn Grey Faulk, Addison Grant Jordan, Carter Brooks Lynn, Jayden Cole Lynn, Jordan Avery Lynn, Jordan Davis Prince, Brantley Joseph Russell, River Langdon Scott, Kevin Grant Williamson, and Margaret-Elizabeth Rivers Williamson, and with you, parents, and with our congregation, as we share with you the life and marvelous gift that these children are to us.

Let us pray: Lord, God, we thank you for the gift of children, and for the privilege of molding and guiding them as they grow.

May you give the parents delight, strength, patience and the gift of humor. May they be open to learning about your amazing love as they care for their children and see signs of your divine gift in everyday ways.

We pray for their extended families, for all of us who are gathered here. May we learn the awesome responsibility of supporting these families as they grow in faith and life.

Bless them as they seek your guidance on their new journey of life. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Rev. Clore

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 77

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John, Tina, Mitchell and Benlyn Sauls

Leader: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Today we light the candle that represents peace. Our peace is in God and his son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets, remind us that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

People: **We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.**

Leader: Let us pray: O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray that you will send your light into our hearts this day. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings—the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. Amen.

Hymn Response

One Candle Is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre -
 pare for a gift that com - pels us with jus - tice to
 care. Our Spir - its are rest - less till sin and war
 cease. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Mrs. Martha Senter

* Offertory Hymn, No. 93

CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

* Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Lauren Cole

Offertory

Voluntary on a French Carol

Mr. Council
arr. Edward Broughton

* Offertory Response

Advent Doxology

W SLOBIE LEZY



Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three - in - One. Here we
of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im - part, as we
glo - ry in your Pre - sence, giv - ing from a grateful heart.

Children's Sermon

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

Worship through Song

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

The Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Clore

Sermon

Man on a Wild Mission

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 121

MARGARET

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

(Stanzas 1-3 and 5)

* Benediction

Rev. Clore

*** Benediction Response**

The Chancel Choir
Eddie Fort

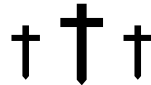
Advent Blessing

Peace of God, through Christ Our Lord,
go with us now, Emmanuel. Amen.

Postlude

O God, Our Faithful God

Mr. Council
arr. David Paxton



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 10

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Melody Makers
- 4:30 p.m. Youth/Adult Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

Monday, December 11

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Gleaners SS Class Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:30 a.m. Sing With Understanding / Carol Sing-a-long

Wednesday, December 13

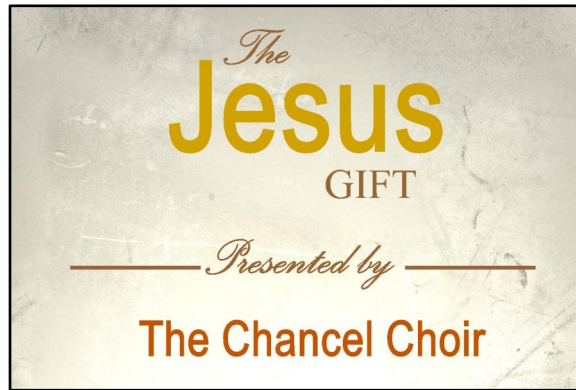
- 4:30 p.m. Young Musicians Choir
- 5:15 p.m. Children's Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Equipping Church Study Ch. 7 (pp101-110), Godly Play Children's Program
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir The Jesus Gift Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16

- 4:00 p.m. Youth/ Children's Play Dress Rehearsal

Deacons of the Week

Eric Underwood / Glenn Waters



Sunday, December 17, 2017
At 11:00am



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