

# *The Second Sunday of Advent*



*First Baptist Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*December 10, 2023*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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### Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

*Watch for this: The time is coming—God's Decree—when I will keep the promise I made to the families of Israel and Judah. When the time comes, I will make a fresh and true shoot sprout from the David-Tree. He will run this country honestly and fairly. He will set things right. Jeremiah 33:14-16*

### Prelude

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

### Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

### Invocation

Dr. Hillman

### \* Hymn of Praise, No. 96

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

*You believe in Him and are filled with . . . glorious joy. 1 Peter 1:8 NIV*

Congregation

### Responsive Reading

from Isaiah 40:1-11

Dr. Hillman

Leader: The voice of the Lord declares, "Comfort, O comfort My people!"

People: A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Leader: The earth will be transformed, God's glory will be revealed!

People: We expect your arrival in fire and flame. Instead, we follow a star on a cold night.

Leader: Our ears and eyes perceive no other god besides You, and so we worship this Day!

All: We are all your people and we will wait for You!

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Keith and Jamie Beverley  
Acolyte: Benlyns Sauls

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

Keith: 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.

### Hymn Response

*One Candle Is Lit*

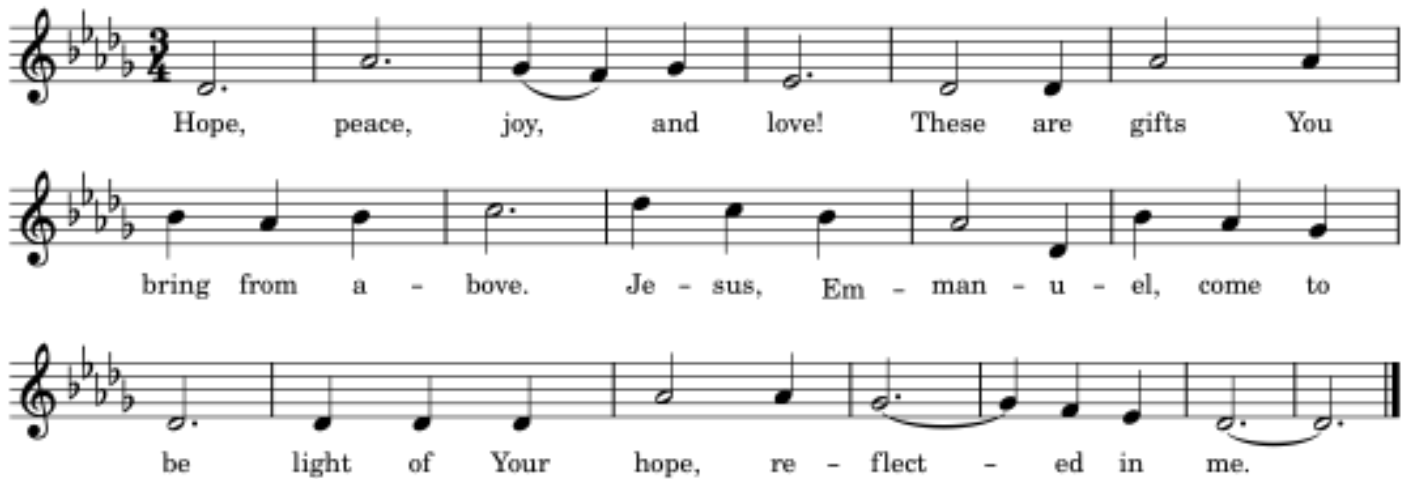
Chancel Choir

Pastor: 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

*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

Congregation



## Worship Through Music

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Chancel Choir

## Offertory Hymn, No. 93

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Congregation

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. Luke 2:14 NIV*

## \* Offertory Prayer

Mr. Brownie Cook

## Offertory

*"Back to Bethlehem" Medley*

Mrs. Slomanski  
arr. Marilyn Ham

## \* 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!*

## The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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## Sermon

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Dr. Hillman

## \* Hymn of Commitment, No. 101

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Congregation

*She. . . placed Him in a manger. Luke 2:7 NIV*

## Benediction

Dr. Hillman

## \* Postlude

*Glory to God*  
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 10  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 11  
Bible Study Coordinated by Willis & Sue  
Pinnell and Robert & Kris Clyburn
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13  
Prayer Service

## LOOKING AHEAD

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



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### Deacons of the Week

12/10 Sandi Floyd / Mel Ray  
12/17 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte  
12/24 Merle Worley / Hilda Ray  
12/31 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley