



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

First Baptist Church

Whiteville, North Carolina

December 8, 2024

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

He will rescue the poor when they cry out to Him, He will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them. He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and He will rescue them. He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to Him.

Psalm 72:12-14 NLT

Prelude

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/
Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 46:10-11

Congregation

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Hope
Josh and MaryEllen Williamson

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 us.**

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 of peace. Amen.

Choral Response

One Candle Is Lit

Chancel Choir

*** Carol of Praise, No. 100** Congregation
Angels We Have Heard on High
A great company . . . appeared with the angel . . . saying,
“Glory to God.” Luke 2:13-14 NIV

Responsive Reading Congregation

Leader: Let us prepare to make the road straight and smooth!
People: **We will make a highway that’s fit for the arrival of our King.**
Leader: Fill in the valleys, level off the hills!
People: **We will make a way for our God.**
Leader: And nothing—I repeat—nothing will stand in our way!
People: **For we have long been waiting for this wonderful gift from our Father.**
Leader: Wonderful gift, indeed!
People: **A gift like no other.**
Leader: Sins forgiven! Eternal life!
People: **He is coming to do for us what we could never do for ourselves.**
Leader: Let us prepare to make the road straight and smooth!
All: **THE PROMISED MESSIAH IS ON THE WAY! OUR SAVIOR IS COMING TO US AT LAST!**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Dr. Hillman

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:12-16 Mrs. Genie Carter

*** Offertory Hymn, No. 85** *The First Nowell* Congregation
A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 NIV

*** Offertory Prayer** Mr. Tom Clark

Offertory *Sweet, Holy Child Medley* Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Marilyn Ham

*** Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.* VENI EMMANUEL
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 Mrs. Donna Prince

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8 Mr. Stephen Prince

Worship through Song The Advent Carol The Chancel Choir

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Malachi 3:1-4

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

“He’s All I Want for Christmas”

Dr. Hillman

*** Hymn of Invitation, No. 473**

More Love To Thee, O Christ

Congregation

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more. Philippians 1:9 NIV

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

*** Postlude**

And the Glory of the Lord
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 8
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11
Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 15
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Monday, December 16
Finance Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 17
Deacons' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 18
Prayer Service
- 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22
Columbus Community Band Concert
- 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25
Church office Closed for Christmas



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Deacons of the Week

- 12/08 Donna Prince / Mel Ray
- 12/15 Brownie Cook / Betty Jo Prevatte
- 12/22 Lauren Cole / Jeff Mahanes
- 12/29 Buster Carter / Bobby Hensley