



First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 9, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Morning Worship

Eleven o' clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

Christmas is intended to be a transforming event,
not a lovely interlude in business as usual.
What we do in Advent in preparation for Christmas
will be our means of getting ready for a new way
of looking at life—a new way of living.

The Prophet Malachi speaks of a messenger:
. . one who will prepare the way of the Lord
. . . one who reminds us of the covenant of God
. . . . one who refines and purifies us in faithfulness

How then do we prepare to be transformed by the coming of the Lord?
. . by allowing the light of hope to awaken our spirits?
. . . by making room for the Lord to write the covenant on our hearts?
. . . . by living in gratitude for what we receive in the Lord?

Prelude

The Shepherds

Mr. Jim Council
Jean Francois Dandrieu

Call to Worship

Congregation

Leader: I am sending a messenger, says the LORD,
People: to prepare the way before me.
Leader: Even now, a voice is crying out:
People: Prepare the way of the LORD!

Invocation

Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise, No. 77

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: the Candle of Peace

Justin, Holly, and Addison Faulk



Leader: Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child. A reading from Luke 1:76-79. "You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the LORD to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

People: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Leader: Let us pray: Lord, help us find peace—deep, lasting peace—in this holy season and guide us on our journey to Bethlehem.

People: We ask you to help us in choosing deep and lasting peace this second week of Advent, symbolized by lighting the candle of Peace. Amen.

All: Sing Response:

*** Offertory Hymn, No. 93**

CAROL

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*** Offertory Prayer**

Maggie Hensley

Offertory

Pastorale

Mr. Council
Leon Boellmann

*** Offertory Response**

Doxology

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
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

Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Clore

Worship through Song

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

The Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Rev. Clore

Sermon

Balance

Rev. Clore

*** Hymn of Commitment, No. 105**

BUNESSAN

Child in the Manger

Benediction

Rev. Clore

Benediction Response

Jesus, the Light of the World

The Chancel Choir
arr. Claude L. Bass

Jesus, the Light of the World,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Shine down your hope, shine it through me;
Good news, glad tidings to all the world send.

*** Postlude**

Wake, Awake! For the Night Is flying!

Mr. Council
Arr. Dennis Elliot



The meditation was copied from: www.umcdiscipleship.org.

The Advent Wreath Readings were adapted from:
Epworth-A United Methodist Church and www.pcusa.org.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 9

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship** (live broadcast on WTXY 1540)
Children's Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner (meet at the church at 4:45 p.m.)

Monday, December 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Godly Play Children's Program
- 6:45 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbells DRESS REHEARSAL
- 7:00 p.m. String Ensemble DRESS REHEARSAL
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel and Youth Choirs DRESS REHEARSAL

Thursday, December 13

- 3:00 p.m. Knit Wits (Knitting Ministry)

Sunday, December 16

- 11:00 a.m. An Early American Lessons and Carols

Deacons of the Week

Chris Blackmon / Barbara Whitson

(live broadcast on WTXY 1540 and www.wtxy1540.com,
click on the "Listen Live - On Air" button)

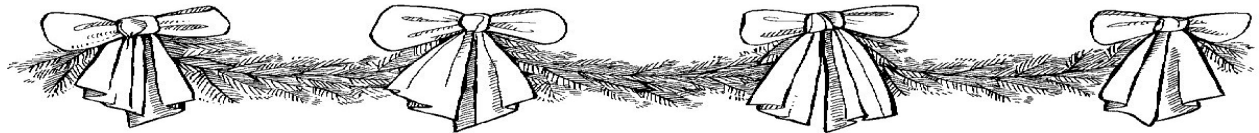
Advent and Christmas 2018



An Early American Lesson and Carols

Presented by: The Chancel and Youth Choirs
Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service
Monday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.





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