



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

*First Baptist Church*  
*Whiteville, North Carolina*  
*December 7, 2025*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

### Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*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

### Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

### Invocation

Dr. Hillman

### The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Peace  
Keith and Jamie Beverley

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 of peace. Amen.

### Carol of Praise, No. 96

Congregation

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
*You believe in Him and are filled with . . . glorious joy. | Peter 1:8 NIV*

### Responsive Reading

Dr. Hillman

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 awaiting 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. Fred Senter

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:12-16 Mr. John Sauls

**Offertory Hymn, No. 94** Congregation

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
*The angel said . . . I bring you good tidings of great joy. Luke 2:10 KJV*

**Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Betty Jo Prevatte

**Offertory** *Away In a Manger/Pastoral Symphony* Mrs. Slomanski  
 (from MESSIAH) arr. Albin Whitworth

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Congregation  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
 Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host.  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Children's Sermon** Mrs. Donna Prince

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:1-8 Ms. Karen Dawsey

**Worship through Song** *Once in Royal David's City* The Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:8-15 Rev. Dane Jackson

**Sermon** "An Angel, Star, Manger, & Thank You" Rev. Jackson

**Hymn of Invitation, No. 118** Congregation

*What Child Is This*  
*They spread the word . . about this Child, and all . . . were amazed. Luke 2:17-18 NIV*

**Benediction**

Dr. Hillman

**Postlude**

*O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings*  
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Slomanski  
*George Frideric Handel*



**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

- 9:00 a.m. **Sunday, December 7**  
Missions Breakfast - Combined Sunday  
School, with guest speaker,  
Rev. Dane Jackson with CBF
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
12:30 p.m. Church After Church - Franco's
- 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, December 10**  
Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. **Saturday, December 13**  
Baptist Men - Live Nativity Setup



**LOOKING AHEAD**

- 9:45 a.m. **Sunday, December 14, 21, 28**  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship  
Church After Church
- 3:00 p.m. **Sunday, December 14**  
Columbus Community Band Concert in the  
sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. **Monday, December 15**  
Finance Meeting
- Tuesday, December 16**  
No Deacons' Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, December 17**  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
Christmas Caroling
- 6:30 p.m. & **Monday, December 22**  
7:30 p.m. Live Nativity - two shows
- 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, December 31**  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service  
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

**2025 Contributions**

With 2025 coming to a close, please have all contributions in to the office by December 31<sup>st</sup> so that you will be able to get credit for giving in 2025.

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**Deacons of the Week**

12/07	Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
12/14	Gina Morningstar / Bobby Hensley
12/21	Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan
12/28	Mary Alice Stanley / Jeff Mahanes