



FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

*First Baptist Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*December 22, 2019*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Dr. Fred Senter

**The Advent Wreath**

Lighting the Candle of Love

Leader: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We light the candle representing love. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He exemplifies God's perfect love in human form. Those who believe in him and live in him, live in love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.

People: We light this candle today to remind us that God is love. We thank God for the hopes he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

Leader: Let us pray: O God of love, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may so dwell in him that his perfect love fills our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate your love and are made ready to show that love to the whole world—both today—and forevermore. Amen.

**Prelude**

*The First Noel*

Bryce Kronenwetter  
arr. Melody Bober

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Dr. Senter

**Invocation**

Dr. Senter

\* **Hymn of Praise, No. 94**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 7:10-16

Mrs. Katherine Scott

**Hymn Response, No. 109**

*Love Came Down At Christmas*

GARTAN

**Epistle Reading**

Romans 1:1-7

Mrs. Carolyn Grainger

**Offertory Hymn, No. 85**

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

\* **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Eddie Fort

**Offertory**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Bryce Kronenwetter  
arr. Melody Bober

**\* 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**

Rev. Wallyce Todd

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Senter

**Worship through Song**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Rev. Eddie Fort  
arr. Charles B. Romer

**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 3:1-6

Dr. Senter

**Sermon**

When Heaven and Earth Intersected

Dr. Senter

**\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 118**

*What Child Is This*

GREEN SLEEVES

**Benediction**

Dr. Senter

**\* Postlude**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Mr. Council  
arr. Raymond Haan



The Advent Wreath Readings were adapted from:  
Epworth-A United Methodist Church and [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

# Advent and Christmas 2019



## Live Nativity

Sunday and Monday, December 22 & 23  
at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

## Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 22**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Children's  
Worship  
6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Live Nativity

**Monday, December 23**  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Live Nativity

**Tuesday, December 24**  
***Office Closed for Christmas Eve***  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Communion Service

**Wednesday, December 25**  
***Office Closed for Christmas***  
***No Wednesday Night Activities***

**Deacons of the Week**  
Sandra Floyd / Haywood Corbett



**First Baptist Church**

**Growing Toward Christ**

Whiteville, NC

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