

# *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*First Baptist Church*

*Whiteville, North Carolina*

*December 24, 2017*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o'clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting**

Rev. Ryan Clore

**Meditation**

This is the season of holy waiting.  
We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly.  
We wait for the day when our spirits will rejoice to know God's favor.  
We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.  
Come let us walk in the light of God!

**Prelude**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

Mr. Jim Council  
Johann Sabastian Bach  
arr. Garth Edmundson

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18, 52

Rev. Clore

**Invocation**

Rev. Clore

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

REGENT SUARE

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Kevin, Melissa, Gwyneth & Grant Williamson

**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 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 hope 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.

## Hymn Response

## One Candle Is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Come, wan - der where li - on and lamb gent - ly  
play, where e - vil is ban - ished and faith takes the  
day, a babe in a man - ger to fool the world's  
eyes. One can - dle is lit for God's lov - ing sur - prise.

## The First Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Mrs. Brenda Carter

## \* Offertory Hymn, No. 109

GARTAN

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Wallyce Todd

## Offertory

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Mr. Council  
Frederich Zachau

## \* Offertory Response

*Advent Doxology*

W SLOBIE LEZY

Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry  
to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three - in - One. Here we  
of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im - part, as we  
glo - ry in your Pre - sence, giv - ing from a grateful heart.

Children's Sermon		Melvin Ezzell
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Clore
* Worship through Song	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	The Chancel Choir arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
The Second Gospel Reading	Luke 1:26-38	Rev. Clore
Sermon	Greetings, the Lord is With You!	Rev. Clore
* Hymn of Commitment, No. 106	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	W ZLOBIE LEZY
Benediction		Rev. Clore
* Benediction Response	<i>Advent Blessing</i>  Love of God, through Christ Our Lord, go with us now, Emmanuel. Amen.	The Chancel Choir Eddie Fort
* Postlude	<i>Fanfare on "Antioch"</i>	Mr. Council George Frederic Handel arr. Lani Smith

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, December 24**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Worship  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service

### **Monday, December 25**

**Office Closed**

### **Tuesday, December 26**

**Office Closed**

### **Wednesday, December 27**

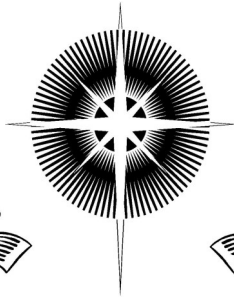
**No Wednesday Night Activities**

### **Deacons of the Week**

Bobby Hensley / Brenda Carter

### **Christmas Mission Offering**

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
Lottie Moon	\$1,500	\$1,040.00
Global Missions	\$4,000	\$2,255.00



# Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th  
5:00 P.M.



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