



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 21, 2025

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

*Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved; for You are my praise.*

Jeremiah 17:14 NRSV

Prelude

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
The First Noel*

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Albin Whitworth

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Chris Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Hope
Carlton & Mary Jean Prince

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 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.

Carol of Praise, No. 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation

Sing unto the Lord . . . give Thank. Psalm 30:4 KJV

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

Mr. Jeff Mahanes

Offertory Carol, No. 85

The First Nowell

Congregation

A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 NIV

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Tricia Sanderson

Offertory*O Holy Night*

Mrs. Slomanski
arr. Allbin Whitworth

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope-the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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Doxology

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.

Congregation

Children's Sermon

Mrs. Genie Carter

Epistle Reading

Revelation 5:11-13

Mr. Kate C. Lee

Worship through Song

It's Christmas

The Children's Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-47

Dr. Hillman

Sermon

"All Together Now!"

Dr. Hillman

Carol of Invitation, No. 100

Congregation

Angels We Have Heard on High
A great company . . . appeared with the angel . . . saying, "Glory to God!"
Luke 2:13-14

Benediction

Dr. Hillman

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Slomanski
George Frideric Handel

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 21
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Church After Church - Jean Paul's Steakhouse
Live Nativity practice for everyone
performing
Monday, December 22
6:30 p.m. & Live Nativity - two shows
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Wednesday & Thursday, December 24 & 25
Church Office Closed



LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 28
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Morning Worship
Church After Church

Wednesday, December 31
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

2025 Contributions

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

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Deacons of the Week

12/21	Donna Prince / Charlie Duncan
12/28	Mary Alice Stanley / Jeff Mahanes
01/04	Carolyn Grainger / Kirby Sanderson
01/11	Buster Carter / Tricia Sanderson