

First Baptist Church



Whiteville, North Carolina

December 25, 2016

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Christmas Day
December 25, 2016

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

Rev. Ryan Clore

Meditation

God, you spoke and your Word became flesh,
Breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world.
Grant that we may bear the good news of your salvation,
Proclaiming your promise of peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Prelude

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Mr. Jim Council
arr. David Johnson

Call to Worship

Rev. Clore

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

People: **Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

Leader: The Word became flesh to live among us:

People: **now we have seen the glory of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

People: **Come, let us worship Christ, the newborn King!**

Invocation

Rev. Clore

Solo

Sleep, Sweet Jesus, Sleep

Harold Abbey

*Carol Fantasy

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The heralds angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The heralds angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today.
Man and beast before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door,
And man is blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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| * Offertory Carol, No. 85 | <i>The First Nowell</i> | THE FIRST NOWELL |
| * Offertory Prayer | | Mr. Melvin Ezzell |
| Offertory | <i>He Whom Joyous Shepherd's Praised</i> | Mr. Council
arr. David Johnson |
| * Offertory Response | <i>Doxology for Christmas</i> | VENI EMMANUEL |
| | Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Has come to thee, O Israel! | |
| Solo | <i>Mary Did You Know?</i> | Mr. Melvin Ezzell
Buddy Greene |
| The Gospel Reading | John 1:1-14 | Rev. Clore |
| Reflection | Nurturing the Word of God | Rev. Clore |
| * Hymn of Commitment, No. 118 | | GREENSLEEVES |
| | <i>What Child is This</i>
(Stanzas 1 and 3) | |
| * Benediction | | Rev. Clore |
| * Postlude | <i>A Festal Fanfare</i> | Mr. Council
Johann Sebastian Bach,
arr. Van Denman Thompson |



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, December 26

The church office will be closed.

Tuesday, December 27

The church office will be closed.

Wednesday, December 28

No activities

Sunday, January 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, January 2

The church office will be closed.



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Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Eddie Fort, Minister of Music

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