

Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Come Prepared to Worship

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Watch for this – a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son:
They will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for “God is with us”).”
Matthew 1:23, *The Message*

PRELUDE “Stille Nacht”
(Arr. J. Mansfield)

WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”
“It Came upon a Midnight Clear”

CALL TO WORSHIP L - Jerald Hatton P - People

L – Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine:

P – Love was born at Christmas – star and angels gave the sign.

L – Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;

P – Worship we our Jesus – what shall be our sacred sign?

L – Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;

P – Love to God and neighbor, love for prayer and gift and sign.

“Away in a Manger”

VIDEO Favorite Christmas Memories Compton/Moore Family

***HYMN** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” No. 174
(Vs. 1 & 2)

***INVOCATION** Donita Compton

ANTHEM “See, Amid the Winter’s Snow” Chancel Choir
(Arr. Dan Forrest)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25 Adrienne Hatton

***HYMN** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” No. 169

{During the hymn, children age 4 – Grade 3 are dismissed to Children’s Worship}

OFFERING PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY “In the Bleak Midwinter”
(Arr. D. E. Wagner)

PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY

MESSAGE “The Holy Family” Pastor Dan Cash

***HYMN** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 140

-During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.
The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary.-

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Joy to the World”
(Arr. D. Hustad)

We Depart to Serve

*All who are able may stand

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**Please remember to turn off your cell phone.** All songs copied by permission CCLI # 167629  
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The Body of Christ Prays For...

- Homebound Members; Military Personnel & Families
- We extend sympathy to the family of Jeremy Martin who passed away Dec 15

Happy Birthday: Dortha Anderson, Larry Carter
Happy Anniversary: Bob & Sharon Downin (12/27/64)

Emergency Responder – Mike Compton

Cookie Ministry – Janet Bailey

Pastoral Care Team for this week – Alice Richmond
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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST**

**TODAY, Dec. 23**

9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – Sunday School

**MONDAY, Dec. 24**

4:00 pm – Prayer Group in Prayer Room  
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**TUESDAY, Dec. 25**

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

**NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 30**

9:30 am – Worship, “Therefore...”  
1 Peter 1:13-16, Pastor Jon Carlstrom  
10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship (Pitch-In)

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Jan. 1 – Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!  
Jan. 8 – BSF (9:00 am)  
Jan. 8 – Prayer Shawl Ministry (12:00 pm)  
Jan. 8 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
Jan. 9 – Four Seasons Mending (9:00 am)  
Jan. 10 – SCIHE (Home School) begins (9:00 am-1:30)  
Jan. 15 – Newsletter Deadline



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
**C O L U M B U S**  
JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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Welcome to First Baptist Church!

To Our Guests: We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please take a moment to sign the registration pad located in the pews.

Prayer Cards in the pew rack may be used for prayer requests. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.

Welcome Center: Please stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and check out the information available about our congregation and ministry.

Child Care/Children’s Ministries: Children’s Church is provided for toddlers & pre-school age children. Child Care is provided for infants. Nursery & toddler rooms are located on the lower level.

Flowers/Decorations: Please fill out a card at the Welcome Desk if you would like to give flowers to honor someone or recognize a special day. Please place it in the offering plate along with \$25.

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**Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.**  
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Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor; Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music
Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant
Donna Tull, Organist; Carla Williams, Pianist; Dortha Anderson, Librarian
Barry Ferrill, Custodians; Melissa Hernandez, Nursery Care Supervisor
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“Connect . . Grow . . Serve”

MESSENGER EXTRA



Season of Advent

The fourth and **last purple candle**, often called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13–14, NIV)

2ND HOUR CLASSES

Adult Study Fellowship – "Love and Worship God"

(Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22) – Leader: Ken Greenlee – meets in Fellowship Hall

J.O.Y. Class – Meets in the Prayer Room

BABY SHOWER

**Saturday, January 5, 2019
2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**



All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Casey (Arbuckle) and Andrew Zimmer. Baby Zimmer is expected in February. Let's start a book collection by bringing a favorite children's book. The Zimmers are registered at Target and Amazon.

SERMON CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DAN



On the 2nd Sunday in January, February, and March, Pastor Dan will lead a second hour elective conversation on the morning's sermon. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a time to share comments, reflections, personal stories you may have thought about during the sermon. Questions for clarification regarding the ideas shared, and comments of affirmation regarding any personal "take away" will be welcomed. These conversations will take place at 10:45 a.m., immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall, and are sponsored by the Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) class. All are invited to share in this opportunity of interaction with Pastor Dan on the theme of his sermon on that day.

SECOND HOUR OPTION (beginning Jan. 13)

Conversations in Philippians: A time of learning, sharing, and growing through:

- Examining the very practical and encouraging letter to the Philippians,
- Answering the questions "What does it say?"; "What does it mean?"; and "How do I apply this teaching to my life?"

Meeting in the chapel during the 2nd Hour beginning January 13, 2019
facilitated by Alice Richmond and friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE – CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Please plan to join us with your family, neighbors and friends for our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Candlelight worship as we welcome the Christ child anew.



Contributing to Advent/Christmas Decorations

Larry & Judy Alexander in honor of Lance & Karita Alexander; Amber, Justin, Josiah, Reuben & Ezekiel Helt.; Jennifer, Chris & Jude Shifflett

Keith & Teresa Arbuckle in honor of their children: Jessica, Casey & Andrew & in memory of their mothers

Jon & Jan Carlstrom in honor of our family

L. Frank Eldridge in memory of Sarah M. Eldridge

Pat Evans in memory of Del, my mother & my brother Allen

LuAnne Harlow in memory of Carl & Mike Harlow

Jerald & Adrienne Hatton in memory of Chris Hatton, Keith & Wilma Hatton, Don & Joy Dutro

Tim & Wanda Huffman in memory of their parents: James & Norma Schum, Harold & Mildred Huffman

Wayne & Lynne Lovelace in memory of their parents: Opal & Albert Lovelace; Rothel & Rebecca Lovins

Cal & Terri Ketterling in honor of our son Eric and daughter & son-in-law Callissa & Billy McNicholas & in memory of our parents Gilbert & Margaret Hull and Ernest Ketterling

John McKay Family in memory of Bonnie McKay

Jeannette McKim in honor of her great grandsons, Max & Kip Hefferman

Amanda Reed in memory of Roger Reed

Bob & Judy Rhude in memory of their parents: James & Lucille Rhude; Russell & Goldie Rogerson

David & Jane Seal in memory our parents: Clyde & Mildred Seal; Virgil & Margaret Taylor

Myrna Shane & Family in memory of Paul Shane

Dave Stehouwer & Alberta Ruble in memory of their loved ones

David & Sharon Tobias in honor of Robert Arbuckle & Dacia Tobias and in memory of Judith Arbuckle & Bill Tobias

Ken & Donna Tull in memory of Brian, E. Don & Kathryn Tull, Joyce Hutcheon, Imogene & Carl Sprouls, Vicky Herron

Tom Vickers in memory of June Ann Vickers

Corie Wheeler in honor of God ,Family & Friends; & in memory of her grandparents, aunt & uncle, & Judy Arbuckle