



The seasons of Advent and Christmas carry so much meaning and tradition at First Baptist Church. Many of us are experiencing grief over losing some of that meaning and tradition this year. It is important to name that grief. God hears your grief. God heals your grief. Your family of faith shares in that grief with you.

Paul and I, with the help of several others, have been in conversation for a few weeks dreaming about how we could make this season special in the time of a pandemic. From this, we have encouraged all families with young children to swing by the church office and pick up a gingerbread house kit to make and decorate as a family. We ask you to return the completed houses by Friday, December 18.

On Sunday, December 20, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting a FBC Christmas open house from 3:00 to 5:00. We invite you to come anytime in that two hour span and go to the fellowship hall to see the decorated gingerbread houses. There, you will be offered cookies and a festive refreshment. After some time in the fellowship hall, we invite you to walk upstairs and enjoy both the familiar and new decorations on your journey to the sanctuary.

Upon entering the sanctuary, you will be greeted with the seasonal sounds of the season as only Gayle Majors could have created. We invite you to pause and take in the sounds and scenery while in the sanctuary. Once you are ready to leave, we invite you to grab candles to bring with you for a special Christmas Eve event.

We are unable to have an in-person Christmas Eve worship service this year. Instead, we will offer virtual worship which will go live around 10:00 that morning. We encourage you to worship at your convenience that day, perhaps when your family is present so that you can worship together. We all want to be in-person for this service, but it simply isn't possible this year.

However, there is opportunity for new meaning with a familiar tradition. On Christmas Eve, we invite you to grab your candles and come to church at 5:00 for a short outdoor worship gathering. Together, with candles lit, we will hear the Christmas story read and sing Silent Night, weather-permitting. This Christmas can still be merry, and we are still the church. We hope you will join us for these opportunities, and we pray these will add beauty to your holiday season.

In Christ,
Alex

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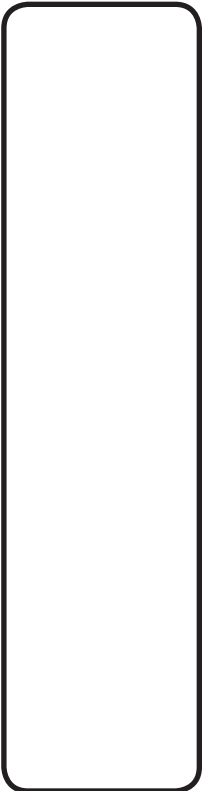
10:30 am Worship - ADVENT 2
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Wednesday, December 9, 2020

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Thursday, December 10, 2020

1-2 pm Food Pantry



Gifts have been given to the WHITE FLAG MINISTRY
in memory of HENRY "BUDDY" MARTIN

by
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Malcolm & Sharon Pace

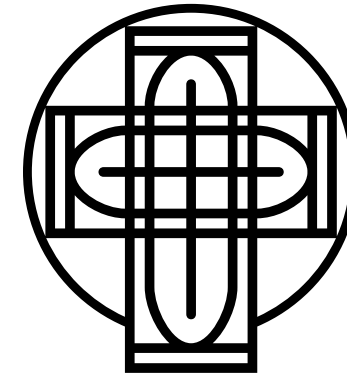
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in memory of my mother,
JOAN MORRIS

by
Sandy Dicks

A gift has been given to the GENERAL FUND
in memory of W.C. ASHLEY

by
Todd & Alice Tremaine

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

Greeting Alex Lockridge

Lighting the Candle of Peace The Huff Family

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”
A chorus sings in the silence:
“Come, Emmanuel.”
Every valley shall be filled, and
every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.*

*As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, Child of Mary.
Come now, Child of Peace.*

Hymn *Christ is Coming! Let Creation* CWM RHONDDA

*Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!
We can now but tell the story of Your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold Your glory in Your coming back to reign;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
Let each heart repeat the strain.
With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!*

- John R. MacDuff

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Alex Lockridge
from Isaiah 40

Anthem *Prepare!* by Allen Pote
Carolyn Garr and Paul Sims

*Prepare the way of the Lord.
For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.
Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.
His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in night.
God will be revealed in us: piercing the darkness with light.*

A Moment for Children Lindsay Lowe
from Mark 1

Hymn *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
Calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:
“Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.”
With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near.
And his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
Till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.*
- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sermon “Anticipating Advent – Prepare” Alex Lockridge

Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*We are people of God's peace as a new creation.
Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration.
Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another,
A new covenant of peace binds us all together.
We are children of God's peace in this new creation,
Spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation.
Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living,
Peace with everyone we seek, good for evil giving.
We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation,
Choosing peace, we faithfully serve with heart's devotion.
Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, confidence will give us.
Christ the Lord is our defense; Christ will never leave us.*
- Bryan Jeffery Leech

Prayer of Thanksgiving Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(the Great Prayer continues)
Come now, Child of Mary.
Come now, Child of Peace. Amen.*

The Communion of the People

Gospel Song *Soon and Very Soon* SOON AND VERY SOON

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
No more dying there,
No more crying there,*

- André Crouch

Benediction Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

□ *we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Amen.*
- from II Peter 3



The Advent Wreath is placed in loving memory of
FELIX AND MATTIE PACE
and
LEONARD AND MARIE LEAKE
by
Kevin and Sherry Pace
Daniel, Lindsay, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson Lowe

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523-1686

November 29th Summary:

Budget Offerings:	\$	8,495.00
Fiscal YTD Budget Offerings:	\$	54,953.66
YTD Budget Goal:	\$	92,655.00

FBC 2020 VISION:

Contributions Received:	\$	158,510.00
Pledged:	\$	21,165.00

Please gather bread and some “fruit of the vine” as we celebrate communion on Sunday.