A Special Welcome to our Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. We invite you to complete a visitor card from the pew rack and share it with us by dropping it in the offering plate or bringing it to the guest table in either the Welcome Center or Front Door Foyer following the service. Also at the guest tables, we have a church mug for you which will provide you a keepsake of your visit, and tell you more about the ministries of First Baptist.

Worshipping with Children

First Baptist desires to come alongside families as they raise their children to be all God is calling them to become. Several resources are available to aid your family as you worship together.

- Children age 3 and under may be dropped off on the 1st floor prior to the service to be part of our Preschool Extended Session, designed specifically for them. Pagers are provided to communicate with parents in case of an emergency.
- All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a children's sermon during the service.
- Children age 4 Kindergarten are invited to attend Passage, our children's worship experience, following the children's sermon, or to remain with their families in the service.
- All Children are invited to worship using a children's bulletin, which can be picked up at the entrances.

Becoming a Member

If you want to know more about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, feel free to talk with any of our ministers or most anyone in the pew. During our time of response you are welcomed and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister to request baptism or to join the church. Our ministers will also be available following the service at each exit, or you may call the church office to request an appointment with any minister during the week.

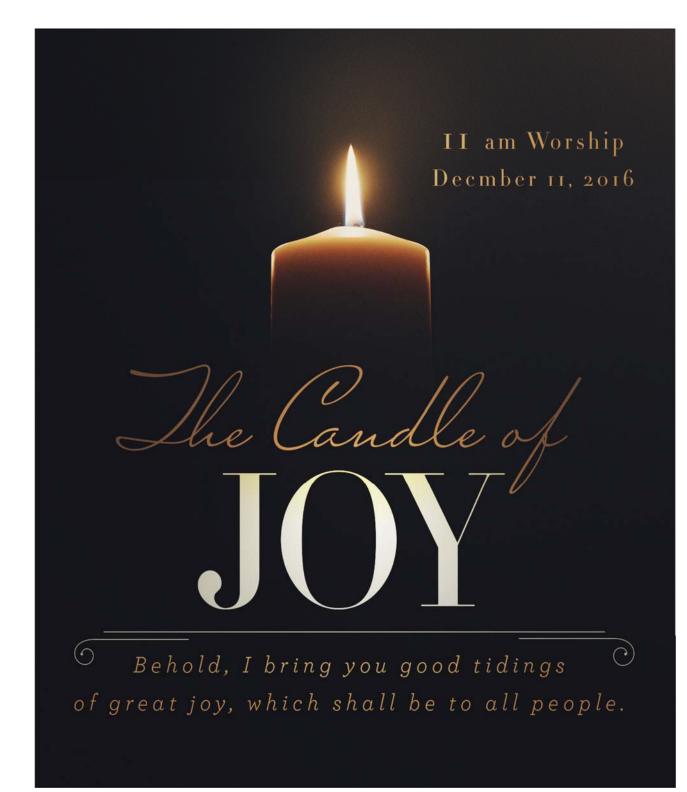
Restrooms are located in the hallway directly behind the choir loft.

Hearing devices are available in the Reception Office

courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.

You can watch our 11 am service live each Sunday morning on The CW 20 or livestreamed at fbcknox.org.

You can watch a replay of our 11 am worship service on Community Television each **Friday at 4 pm** or anytime at fbcknox.org.



The Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016 • 11:00 AM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Organ Prelude Rhonda Carpenter

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach

Choral Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

We Enter Your Church, Lord by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette MUELLER

O God, you have called us, inviting us in; You've made us your household and freed us from sin. From youngest to oldest, we find in this place Your waters of welcome, your family, your grace.

*Responsive Call to Joy

Richard Buerkle

Come, Lord Jesus, and bring joy to our world.

Joy to the worshiper who has sung the carols for seventy seasons and still sings them with heart and soul and voice.

Joy to the child looking at flickering candles who knows we are celebrating something too mysterious to explain in words.

Joy to the one who needs to know that though your love encompasses the whole world, it is particular enough to meet each grief and loss as though it were the only pain in the world.

Joy to the homeless mother who longs to carry with her the assurance of your being at home with those the world tosses aside.

Joy to all of us caught up in the wonders of your love as though we were experiencing your birth for the first time.

With all heaven and nature, let us sing and shout and speak our joy to the world!

- from Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons by Sharlande Sledge

The Third Sunday of Advent ~ JOY

December 11, 2016

During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know the joy that gift brings to all people.

In Service - Week of December 11

First Community Greeters:

Nancy Roberts, Betty Chandler

Welcome Center Greeters:

Beth Nagel, Mary Nelle Robbins

Preschool Extended Care:

Camille Jones, Liz & Jonathan Coffield

TV Ministry Team:

Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley, Betty Vawter, Vince Vawter, Peyton Johnson, Reba Green, Seva Ball, John Heslop

Hospital Ministry Team:

Pam & Cliff Shirley

New Member Ministry:

Spencer Hudson, Julia Ann Sink

Outreach Deacon:

Susan Higdon

TeleCare Ministry:

Susan Higdon

Prayer List as of Friday, December 9, 2016*

Hospital

Monroe Wynn – UT cardiovascular intensive care Elizabeth Permenter Dryburgh – Phys Regional 476

Discharged

Sarah Reynolds

In Memoriam

Maxine Masingill August 1, 1928 – November 29, 2016 Date Joined: July 23, 1961

Our church extends congratulations to:

Scott and Joy Claybrook upon the birth of their son, Griffin "Griff" Kayser Claybrook.

Josh and Stephanie Schneider upon the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace. Proud big sister is Mary Margaret. Proud grandparents are Cliff and Pam Shirley.

Our church extends sympathies to:

Mona Wylie and family upon the death of her sister, Claudine Davis

*A complete prayer list may be picked up in the Welcome Center.

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To phone staff, dial (865) 246- plus the four-digit number found beside the staff member's name, or call the main number, **546-9661**.

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Arthur Clayton, Minister of Congregational Mission & Minister of the Deaf (4661)

Pam Neal, Minister for Administration (4660)

Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor (4652)

Susan Tatum, Minister with Children and Families (4666)

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We Enter Your Church, Lord by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

We've heard here your welcome, and also your call; Your Spirit inspires us to share Christ with all. The life we receive here is life we can share; We'll carry your message of love everywhere.

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Our Advent Candle Lighters This Week

Frank and Melaney Dudley joined First Baptist in November of last year. Frank is a chaplain with Amedisys Hospice Services, and Melaney works at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine.

*Hymn 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Lighting the Advent Candle

Frank and Melaney Dudley

*Hymn 82

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Light the fire, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His joy, light the light of shepherds' coming, light the candle of His joy, light the light that shows the way.

Welcome Susan Tatum

Children's Message

Susan Tatum

[Four year-olds and Kindergarteners who are attending Passage (Children's Worship) will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.]

*Joy Hymn Medley

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn 125, Stanza 1)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the moutains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn 127, Stanza 1)

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn 310, Stanzas 1 & 4)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began: love divine is reigning o'er us, bringing all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Offertory Prayer Pam Neal

Sanctuary Choir Choral Anthem

> Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us Words by Beth Rice Luttrell Music by Benjamin Harlan

> Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace; sent with gifts of love and mercy for a wayward human race.

> Costly gifts of gold and incense offered at the baby's birth were as dust beside the treasure which the Father sent to earth.

Wondrous thought, that this small baby held the promise of God's love. bringing mortals hope and healing from god's treasure house above.

Alleluia, praise the baby, praise the life He came to live! Alleluia, praise the Father, praise the gift He chose to give!

He came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace; joyful tidings stirred the heartstrings of a waiting human race.

Alleluia, praise the baby, greatest gift of all was He! Alleluia, praise the Father, His the gift which set us free!

Alleluia, praise the Father, His the gift which set us free!

Tom Ogburn Sermon

> "Jov" Luke 2:8-10

*Hymn of Response 112

Child in the Manger **BUNESSAN**

Opportunities at First Baptist Ben Winder

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction Sanctuary

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