

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.



11 am Worship
December 18, 2016

The Candle of
LOVE

*let us love one another,
for love comes from God*

1 John 4:7

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016 • 11:00 AM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Organ Prelude

Still, Still, Still
arr. Dan R. Edwards

Rhonda Carpenter

Choral Call to Worship

Love Has Come
BRING A TORCH

Sanctuary Choir

Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come share in the wonder; Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother; What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come—He never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us; Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

*Responsive Call to Love

Richard Buerkle

Love that will not let us go, we rest our weary souls in thee.

This week some of us have traced rainbows through the rain and finally looked up to see the colors shining after the storm.

Others are still longing for signs of hope to be made real to them.

Loving God, hear our prayers for those who need the sound of your love spoken clearly into their winter-weary souls.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

December 18, 2016

During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know that God's love for all people is the reason for this gift.

In Service - Week of December 18

First Community Greeters:
Ethel Powell, John & Lanita Rorrer

Welcome Center Greeters:
Barbara Frei & Dent Young

Preschool Extended Care:
Jama Mosher, LaTasha & Larry Wassom

TV Ministry Team:
Ned Russell, Judy Cox, Sarah Bittle, Brad Bittle,
Julia Stark, Reba Green, John Heslop

Hospital Ministry Team:
Jim Decker, Barbara Eubank

New Member Ministry:
Scott Moore, Reggie Keaton

Outreach Deacon:
Monte Miller

TeleCare Ministry:
Sandy Wisener

Prayer List as of Friday, December 16, 2016*

Hospital
Gary Norvell – UT 707
Monroe Wynn (deaf) – UT 447

Discharged
Lorraine Coffey
Elizabeth Dryburgh

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

Our church extends congratulations to:
Paul and Gail Ivie up on the birth of their granddaughter,
Ivy Layla Maa. Proud parents are Ted Ivie and Kristin Maa

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

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

First Baptist Knoxville Contacts

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**.

Richard Buerkle, Minister of Music and Worship (4668)
Scott Claybrook, Minister with Young Adults (4678)
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)
Dave Ward, Minister Emeritus (4667)
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Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Jesus! High and Holy One!
by Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

At the Name above all names, knees will bow and tongues proclaim,
for the Lord in heaven reigns!
He is Jesus! Name above all names! Praise His Name!
Jesus, Holy is His Name!

Jesus: greatest, highest; Jesus, powerful, mightiest,
Jesus, Son of the Living God!
He is Jesus: no one greater, Jesus, Lord and Savior,
Jesus, High and Holy One!
His Name is Jesus! Jesus!

Organ Postlude

The March of The Three Kings
by Roger C. Wilson

Rhonda Carpenter

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Our Advent Candle Lighters This Week

Kevin and Lauren Stewart are leaders with our Joyful Noise Choir (4 & 5 year-olds) and parents of Ava and Evelyn. Kevin works at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Lauren works with the United Way of Greater Knoxville.

Too many days our attention has settled on ourselves instead of focusing on your invitations to others.

May our response to your love be love.

With our whole hearts, let us spend our love with abandon and risk our love with no thought for our own gain so that our neighbors will know your caring love,

The hurting will know your healing love, and those whom we say we love will know that indeed we do.

~Adapted from *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons* by Sharlande Sledge

*Hymn 122

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!
IN DULCI JUBILO

Lighting the Advent Candle

Kevin & Lauren Stewart
Ava & Evelyn

*Hymn 82

Light the Light, the Fire of Life
IL EST NÉ

*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 love,
light the light of Bethlehem's stable
light the candle of His love,
light the light by which we see.

Welcome

Pam Neal

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.]

*Hymn 114

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Ogburn

Scripture Reading (Romans 1:1-7)

Cathy Campbell

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 124

The First Nowell
THE FIRST NOWELL

Offertory Prayer

Ben Winder

Choral Anthem

Emmanuel to Thee We Sing from *Candles of Advent*
by John Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

Emmanuel, to Thee we sing,
Thou Prince of life, almighty King.
That Thou, expected ages past,
didst come to visit us at last.

For Thee, since first the world was made,
our hearts have waited, watched and prayed.
Prophets and wise men, year by year,
have longed to see Thy light appear.

All glory, worship, thanks and praise,
that Thou art come in these our days!
O Thou, our heavenly Guest expected long,
we hail Thee with a joyful song!

That Thou, expected in ages past,
didst come to visit us at last.

Sermon

"Love"
Romans 1:1-7

Tom Ogburn

*Hymn of Response 111

Away in a Manger
CRADLE SONG

Opportunities at First Baptist

Richard Buerkle

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom