

Announcements

Church-wide Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are needed. A reservation form is included in today's worship bulletin. If you plan to attend, please fill in the information and drop it in an offering plate as you leave worship today. **Today is the final day to make reservations!**

Come Catch Chris

Pastor Chris will be at the Mall Food Court this coming Tuesday from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Join him for an informal conversation, sharing what's on your heart or mind.

Book Club

Join with the members of the Faith in Fiction Book Club on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor as they review and discuss Andrew Klavan's book, When Christmas Comes.

Handbell Concert

You are invited to attend the Charlotte Queen City Ringers Concert this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church here in Monroe.

Blue Christmas Service

Blue Christmas Worship is a special time of reflection designed for those who are experiencing grief, sadness, or loneliness during this Christmas season. If you know of someone who could benefit from the service, please invite them to attend.

Angel Tree

Our Board of Missions is partnering with PruittHealth-Union Pointe in a Loving Beyond ministry. An "Angel Tree" is in the Gathering Area. Please choose an Angel ornament, and then write your name beside the resident on the sign up sheet. At least two items should be purchased from the resident's list, but more or all items can be donated. Return the items wrapped and placed in a garbage bag with the Angel Tag attached by Wednesday, December 14. The Christmas gifts will be delivered by Santa and his elves on December 22.



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The Worship of God



December 4, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

We rejoice that God is sending us a Savior, and that He will bring us peace that only comes from him. He will change our lives and our world forever. We rejoice that evil will not have the final word. We rejoice that our Savior will work in us and free us from the sins of this world. He will move us to be people of compassion, hope and peace. Rejoice that Christ is coming again to renew us!

Words of Welcome

Dr. Chris Dawson

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, you are invited to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to worship at First Baptist Church.

Call to Worship

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Gives Praise & Prayers to God

+ Centering Music

Hymn No. 106

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (Sing 3 times)

HEARN

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Peace

+ Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 132

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN

Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 11: 1-10

Faye Thibodeaux

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Faye Thibodeaux

A Moment of Prayer

Church Family

Prayer for the People

Faye Thibodeaux

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Hymn of Assurance

Hymn No. 170

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

CAROL

Anthem

Chancel Choir

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

by Nancy M. Raabe

Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Matthew 3: 1-12

Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon

Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ Hymn of Response

Hymn No. 133

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

+ Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship

+ Musical Benediction

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Closing Voluntary

Beth Adams



Ministers

All who follow Jesus

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Beth Adams, *Accompanist*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Alyssa Metze, *Weekday Preschool Director*

Madison Frank, *Music Intern*

Vision Statement

*First Baptist Church Monroe exists to
Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond*



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 6,780
Budget Receipts November 27, 2022.....	\$ 5,727
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 92,319
Expenses to Date	\$ 73,468



This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Matt Dinkins

Nursery – Ruby Coffey

Ushers – Carol Findley, Sheila London, Joel Myers

Worship Leader – Faye Thibodeaux

Money Counter – Sheila London

Prayer Concerns

Dr. Gene Cook

Luke Brantley, grandson of Crystal Brantley

Laurence Bivens, father of Melody Hawkins

Albert Clifton, uncle of Mike Knight

Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes

Mike Starkey brother of Fred Starkey

Jimmy Totty, brother of Stewart Totty

Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride

Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley

Emma Hemphill

Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay

The leaders/people of Ukraine and Russia, for peace to replace war



Church Calendar

Sunday, December 4

9:30 am Bible Fellowship Classes – *Rooms 214 / 318*

10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

Tuesday, December 6

5:45 pm Come Catch Chris – *Mall Food Court*

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – *Choir Room*

Board of Deacons – *Room 214*

Board of Missions – *Conference Room*

