

Announcements

Growing Through Discipleship

In today's bulletin is a form for you to choose which study you would be most interested in for February, led by Tim McBride. Please circle the one that interests you the most and drop the form in the offering plate as you leave worship.

Church-wide Christmas Luncheon

There will be a Christmas Luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, December 12 in the Family Life Center. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potato casserole, broccoli with cheese sauce, tossed salad and dessert. Cost is \$7.00 for age 12 and up, \$3.00 for age 5 to 11, and free for those 4 and under. Reservations are needed. You can sign up today by filling out the form in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate, or you can call/email the church office. Carry-outs will not be available.

Polar Express Movie Night

The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a Polar Express Movie Night for children on Friday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. They are in need of donations of hot chocolate, mini marshmallows, store bought cookies, and pre-popped bagged popcorn. Donations can be placed in the Gathering Area.

Mission Opportunities

The Board of Missions is partnering with Monroe Middle School to provide items for their Holiday Store for Students. The students can purchase these items using points they have earned during this school year. Needed are donations of new or gently used items such as jewelry, cosmetics, perfume, lotion, holiday décor, toys, items for home/kitchen ... most anything a child would enjoy giving family members for Christmas. Donations need to be brought to the Gathering Area by December 12. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Varney.

Heart for Monroe is asking for donations of children's PJ's, fuzzy socks, and fleece blankets for a Christmas event they are sponsoring on December 12. Children sizes through adult sizes (for larger children) are needed. Donations can be left in the Gathering Area.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive in the Family Life Center this Friday, December 3, from 2:30-7:00 pm. If you can help with check-in, giving out snacks/drinks, contact Harvey/Diane Whitley or Mike/Frances Knight.



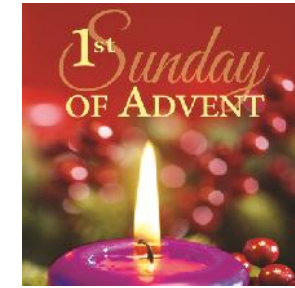
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The Worship of God



November 28, 2021 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Advent is the season of watching and waiting for Christ's return. It is not passive, but actively waiting, and watching for signs that Christ is returning in our world and in our lives in a new way. As we prepare for Christmas, remember how Christ came into our world in an unexpected way ... as a newborn child. So, prepare afresh for his return.

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

Opening Music

"Adagio"

Chancel Ringers

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Community Gives Praise and Prayers to God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Hope

+ Hymn of Advent

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymn No.135

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Lectionary Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Joel Myers

Sharing Prayer Concerns Joel Myers

A Moment of Prayer Church Family

Prayer for the People Joel Myers

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.

+ **Music of Advent** Chancel Ringers
“Fantasia on Christmas Carols” Alina R. Couper

Anthem Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers
“Ring and Sing Alleluia!” Carlton R. Young

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Isaiah 9: 2-7 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 Church Family

+ **Benediction** Dr. Chris Dawson

+ **Closing Voluntary** Beth Adams

+ Those that are able may stand.

Personal listening devices are available for worship.
Please see and request one from an usher.

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

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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*
Logan Williams, *Interim Worship Leader*



Vision Statement

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



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 7,786
Budget Receipts November 14, 2021.....	\$ 11,290
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 75,607
Expenses to Date	\$ 73,385

This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Trevor Dawson
Ushers – Kathy Cole, Lorey and Carolyn White
Worship Leader – Joel Myers
Money Counters – Annette Kilby, Susan Bales



Prayer Concerns

Dr. Ken Murray – Libby Totty – Joy Shute – Tex O’Neill
Emily Massey – Ray Sowder – Hill Overton – Mike Morgan
Dr. Harry Poovey, former pastor
Charles Penegar, brother of Max Penegar
Nancy Hall, Sew Faithful Quilters Member
Denise Smith, niece of Dr. Ken Murray
Scottie Dinkins, mother of Scott Dinkins
Bill Thaxton, friend of Eddie and Vivian Roberts
Emma Hemphill, family member of Chris Dawson
Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay
Connell O’Neill, son of Tex and Eleanor O’Neill
Kevin Casner, son of Ray and Gerry Casner
All those affected by Covid-19



Church Calendar

Sunday, November 28

9:30 am Bible Fellowship – Rooms 214 / 318
10:30 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary/Facebook

Monday, November 29

6:00 pm United Voices of NC – *Choir Room*
6:15 pm Chancel Ringers – *Handbell Room*

Wednesday, December 1

6:30 pm Board of Missions – *Family Life Center*

Friday, December 3

2:30 pm Blood Drive – *Family Life Center*

