

**First Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship**

**December 3, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Charles Callahan

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle –
The Tim Cox family

*Opening Carol: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* 133

*Invocation

*Response: *"The Lord's Prayer"* Words on Screen
Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Baby Dedication: Madison Paige Grabow,
daughter of Austin and Brooke Grabow

Children's Message: Kadie Henry

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: *"Prepare the Way!"* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Dedication of Our Offerings

Reading of the Word: Luke 1: 26-38 (p. 831)

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*
Words on Screen

Sermon: *"God of the Impossible"* Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

Ministry of Music: *"As We Gather Around the Table"* Sanctuary Choir

Right Hand of Fellowship: Dave and Sandi Gillum, Chuck Scheibert

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

*Closing Hymn: *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* Words on screen

Benediction

Postlude: *"Postlude on an English Carol"* arr. David Lasky

*Congregation stands as able.

Stewardship Report - 72 pledges have been received for a total of \$279,260.00.

Receipts through November 26, 2017 - \$277,741.96

Received November 26, 2017 - \$4,088.00

Needed each week: \$5,680.00 Attendance: 11/26 - 126

WNK Singers will present *God's Promise Came True* at **5 p.m. Tonight.**

Through narration and music, the children will tell the familiar story of Jesus' birth. We will have a LIVE nativity that will allow us all to be a part of the beautiful Christmas story. Afterwards, everyone is invited to stay for pizza and crafts in the Celebration Center sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Mission Tree – Experience the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate of our community. Please take a name or two off the Mission tree in the narthex and purchase the gift the child requested and return by December 17 wrapped and with the ornament attached to the outside. Many Christmas blessings to you for supporting this wonderful mission.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10, the Sanctuary Choir, narrators, and instrumental ensemble will present the Christmas cantata, *Sing Joy to all the World!* First Baptist Ringers also will provide festive music for the service. Postcards are available in the Narthex for you to use to invite family and friends to experience this celebration of the birth of Christ. *Come early and get your favorite seat in the Sanctuary!*

Serving Among Us Today

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| Interim Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen |
| Director of Music/Organist: | Christine Baird |
| Sanctuary Choir Director: | Brian Shepard |
| Children's Church Teacher: | Beth Daly |
| Greeters: | Walter and Vonda Barner |
| Deacons Greeting: | Ingrid Standafer, Ken Standafer |
| Video Technicians: | Mark Dunaway, Tom Henry |
| Audio Technician: | Ron Cobb |
| Head Ushers: | Ken Standafer, Dave Adams |

Attention SHALOM volunteers especially chaperones-there will be a very brief meeting after worship on December 10th to go over procedures. **Van drivers**-please make copy of your driver's license for SHALOM's insurance purposes.

It's going to get cold and those that don't have a home will be our guests. SHALOM week is close - Dec 10 through the 17th. A few volunteer slots are still open. Please stop by the sign-up table. Don't miss out on an opportunity to put the love of Christ into action.

Christmas Food Drive – Now until December 17, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our Christmas gift baskets. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the chapel area of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous donation to help the hungry in our community.

Mark your calendars - starting January 7th, Pastor Scotty Robertson will lead a study of *The Shack*. This study focuses on the life-changing goodness, grace and presence of God. Sign-ups for the study guide begin Sunday, December 17th.

**First Baptist Church, 4500 Riverview Avenue, Middletown, OH
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This Week at First

Sunday, December 3

8:45 a.m. Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
and Family Craft Night

Monday, December 4

2 p.m. Health Ministry
7 p.m. Yoga
7:30 p.m. FB Ringers
8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, December 5

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics
7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, December 6

10 a.m. Yoga
7 p.m. ABY
7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 7

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics
10:15 a.m. Tai Chi
6:15 p.m. Day Care Staff & Comm. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle
7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, December 8

10 a.m. Santa Shop for Day Care

Saturday, December 9

10 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Ethel Naudin Circle
10:30 a.m. M&M class Christmas lunch
At Tea Room – leave church

Coming Soon

December 10

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship - Cantata
Santa Shop during worship
Service of Remembrance
SHALOM

December 11

SHALOM
Yoga

December 12

Rev It Up aerobics
SHALOM
Scouts

December 13

Newsletter published
Yoga
SHALOM
ABY

December 14

Aerobics
Tai Chi
SHALOM
RAK

December 15

SHALOM

December 16

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