

**Second Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *"Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella"* arr. Lani Smith
Kyle Phillips, trumpet

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" arr. Sandra Eithun
First Baptist Ringers; Phil Thornbery, pianist

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle:
The Shoemaker family

*Opening Hymn of Praise: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* 174

*Invocation and 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.

Children to Children's Church

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory: *"He Is Born"* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
First Baptist Ringers

Prayer of Dedication of Our Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

Cantata: Please see bulletin insert

Benediction

Postlude: *"Ding, Dong! Merrily on High"* arr. Anna Laura Page
*Congregation stands as able.

Budget receipts through December 3, 2017 - \$287,435.96
Received December 3, 2017 - \$9,694.00
Needed each week - \$5,680.00 Attendance 12/3 - 134

Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship given to date: 5,031.00
The goal set by the Memorial Committee for the year was \$5,000.
Wonderful, we have surpassed the goal for this year!

Stewardship Report - 72 pledges for a total of \$279,260 has been received to date. Turn your pledge in as soon as possible.

Today at 4 p.m. is the Service of Remembrance. We are hosting a remembrance service for members and friends of our congregation who have experienced the death of a loved one or a friend. Through music, scripture readings and prayer, we will seek to provide comfort as we gather for this time of recalling the importance of their lives to our own. Included in this time together will be the announcing of the names of those persons we are each remembering. We thank God for the gift of these loved ones. Please join us in our sanctuary for this special time.

Mission Tree - Experience the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate of our community. Please return gifts by December 17 wrapped and with the ornament attached to the outside. Many Christmas blessings to you for supporting this wonderful mission.

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.

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: | Santa Shop |
| Greeters: | Walter and Vonda Barner |
| Deacons Greeting: | Bob Baird, Tina Breitenbach |
| Video Technicians: | Mark Dunaway, Mike Ratliff |
| Audio Technicians: | Ron Cobb |
| Head Ushers: | Ken Standafer, Dave Adams |

2018 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please take them today. If you would like envelopes and they are not there, please write your name on the paper and Charles Montgomery will get them for you.

The last Sunday of 2017 is December 31st. Your contributions to be credited for 2017 giving should be turned in on that Sunday.

The **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** will be received at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service—funds not identified for the church budget will go to the RMMO. The RMMO provides an annual “thank you” check to retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries as well as providing emergency funds for retirees in need of assistance. 'But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity'. Isaiah 32:8

Attention Staff, Board, and Committee Chairpersons as well as Sunday School classes: In preparation of the Annual Business Meeting in late January, annual reports will be due in the church office by Wednesday, January 10. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in meeting this deadline.

Christmas Eve Services – December 24, 2016 – 5 p.m. & 11 p.m.
Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. and a Candlelight Eve Service at 11 p.m. with a pre-service concert at 10:40 p.m.

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This Week at First

Sunday, December 10

8:45 a.m. Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
After Worship – SHALOM Volunteer Meeting.
4 p.m. Service of Remembrance
5 p.m. SHALOM

Monday, December 11

5 p.m. SHALOM
7 p.m. Yoga

December 12

No aerobics
5 p.m. SHALOM
7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, December 13

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10 a.m. Yoga
5 p.m. SHALOM
5:45 p.m. ABY serve SHALOM
7 p.m. ABY
8 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 14

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics
10:15 a.m. Tai Chi
5 p.m. SHALOM
7 p.m. RAK
7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, December 15

10 a.m. Poinsettias delivered
5 p.m. SHALOM

Saturday, December 16

5 p.m. SHALOM

Coming Soon

December 17

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
Sort food and gifts for baskets
ABY caroling

December 18

Yoga
Basketball

December 19

Rev It Up aerobics
Board/Staff Christmas Dinner
Scouts

December 20

Yoga
7 p.m. ABY
8 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

December 21

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
AA meeting

December 22

Church Office Closed
Day Care Office Closed

December 24

8:45 a.m. Prayer
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service
10:40 p.m. Pre service Concert
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service