

**Third Sunday in Advent  
Morning Worship**

**December 17, 2017  
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Variations on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*

arr. David Lasky

Call to Worship:      Lighting of the Advent Candle:

The Scheibert family

\*Opening Hymn of Praise: *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*      171

\*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's Message

Renee Griffith

Ministry of Music:      *"Calypso Lullaby"*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Joel Raney

Registration of Attendance

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory:      *"Mary, Did You Know?"*      arr. Larry Shackley  
Phil Thornbery, keyboard; Christine Baird, piano

Prayer of Dedication of Our Offerings

Reading of the Word:    Luke 2: 1-7

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation:    *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"*      156

Sermon:    "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"    Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen

\*Hymn of Invitation: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*      152

Benediction

Postlude: *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*      arr. David Lasky

\*Congregation stands as able.

**Budget receipts** through December 10, 2017 - \$295,037.96

Received December 10, 2017 – \$7,602.00

Needed each week - \$5,680.00    Attendance 12/10 – 206

**Betty Creech Memorial Scholarship** given to date - \$5,051.00

**Stewardship Report** - 72 pledges for a total of \$279,260 to date.

**First Baptist extends a warm** welcome to Pastor Scotty Robertson, his wife, Jami, and children Jacob, Chase and Karlee. This past year, God has been preparing the Robertson's as well as our congregation for this wonderful opportunity to serve together. We are beyond thrilled to see where God will lead us. **Please join us Sunday, December 31st** for Pastor Scotty's first service at First Baptist. There will be a light breakfast and social gathering **from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. to** welcome Pastor Scotty and his family. It will be a service you don't want to miss.

**The last Sunday of 2017** is December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

**Commissioning Our Short-Term Mission Team to Thailand:** Near the close of our Morning Worship on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> members of our Thailand Mission Team will be commissioned in a brief service led by our Church Moderator, Tom Henry. The team is scheduled to leave on Friday, January 12, 2018 with a return on Friday, January 26, 2018. A prayer sheet with information about the team will be distributed to all of you willing to be our prayer partners during this trip.

### Serving Among Us Today

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Wayne Paulsen
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director:	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Lexiana Krause
Greeters:	Walter and Vonda Barner
Deacons Greeting:	Jeannine Taylor, Verla Voyles
Video Technicians:	Mark Dunaway,
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.

**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.

**The Shack:** You are invited to come Sunday, January 7th at 5:00pm to watch a special viewing of the movie The Shack. The movie is about a man named Mack, and the misfortunes in his life that have left him feeling stressed and heartbroken. Through his grief, he encounters three strangers who lead him on an encounter with God. Beginning Sunday, January 14th through Sunday, February 11th, Pastor Scotty will be leading a small group study based on the movie. The studies will take place from 6pm-7pm at church. Please sign up in the narthex after service or by calling Kathy in the office to make sure enough books are ordered. Thanks!

**Christmas Eve Services – December 24, 2017 – 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.

**First Baptist Church, 4500 Riverview Avenue, Middletown, OH  
513-423-5721**

### This Week at First

#### Sunday, December 17

8:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Food & Gifts sorted after service  
6 p.m. Youth Caroling

#### Monday December 18

7 p.m. Yoga  
8 p.m. Basketball

#### Tuesday, December 19

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics  
6 p.m. Staff & Board Christmas Dinner  
7 p.m. Scouts

#### Wednesday, December 20

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

#### Thursday, December 21

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

#### Friday, December 22

Church Office and Day Care  
Closed

### Coming Soon

#### December 24

Prayer  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Family service  
10:40 p.m. Christmas Eve Music  
11 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

#### December 25

*Merry Christmas!*  
Church office and Day Care  
Closed

#### December 28

7 p.m. ABY overnight

#### December 31

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Light Breakfast  
/Gathering to welcome Pastor Scotty and Family  
10:30 a.m. Worship service

#### January 1, 2018

*Happy New Year!*



## To the Glory of God -

### In honor of:

Our grandchildren, Stephanie, Colton and Ethan by Bob and Chris Baird

Pastor Wayne and Julie Paulsen by Bob and Thelma Rossi  
Members of the Pastoral Search Committee by Wendell and Janet Horton

Friends and Family by Sheila Wilkinson and Linda Markstein  
Mia and Monroe Shoemaker by Matt and Alaina Shoemaker  
Lucille Paulsen by Wayne and Julie Paulsen  
Rev. Dr. Wayne and Julie Paulsen by Vicki Bechtel

### In Memory of:

Carl Chaney by Betty Chaney  
Joe Chaney by Betty Chaney  
Loved Ones by Larry Reynolds  
My Mother, Father and Grandparents by DeWitt Chapple, Jr.  
Loved Ones by DeWitt Chapple, Jr.  
Jeff Redding by The Redding Family  
My Mammaw and Pappaw, Leonora and Virgil Brumbelow by Kristen Adkins  
My Grandfather, James Adkins and many loved ones by Kristen Adkins  
Norma Scheibert by Charles E. Scheibert, Sr.  
Kitchen and Singer Loved Ones by Susan and Andy Singer  
Hughes Family and Selby Family by Charles and Vicky Selby  
Our Parents by Chuck and Jeanette Montgomery  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Danner by Fran Rogers  
Mr. Walter Rogers by Fran Rogers  
Bob Breitenbach by Tina Breitenbach  
Lamb Family by Tina Breitenbach

Don and Bernie Gephart by the Worbis Family  
Fernando Worbis by the Worbis Family  
Loved Ones by Walter, Vonda and Amy Barner  
Bill Hall by Dot Hall  
Vivian and Don Derickson, Ned DeCamp by Michel and Suzanne DeCamp  
Gary Harville by Mary Harville  
Marg Reynolds, David Reynolds by the Henry Family  
Cathy Pate and Charles Braitsch by Kenton Pate and Peggy Braitsch  
Loved Ones by Les and Phyllis Mills  
Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Guesman, Jean's parents, by Paul and Jean Back  
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Back, Paul's parents, by Paul and Jean Back  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Derickson, Paul's sister and brother-in-law by Paul and Jean Back  
My mother, June Christy, and my grandmother, Arvadia Burbank by Jill Christy  
Loved Ones by Michael and Laoretta Philhower  
Loved Ones by Vicki Bechtel  
Henry Paulsen, Rev. Dr. Lowell and Virginia Cormack by Wayne and Julie Paulsen  
Lost Loved Ones by Sheila Wilkinson and Linda Markstein  
Our loved ones by Wendell and Janet Horton

### In Lieu of flowers:

In honor of Phil and Jo Ann Thornbery; Andy, Vanessa, Bane & Violet Thornbery a donation to the Organ Fund.  
In memory of loved ones by David and Susan Caldwell a donation to the Organ Fund.  
In memory of Tom and our parents by Jeannine Taylor a donation to the Roof Fund.  
In memory of Rev. John and Jean Thornbery, Jesse and Ruth McIntosh, Edith Armitage by Sarah Thornbery a donation to the Organ Fund.  
In memory of loved ones by Richard and Kathy Adkins a donation to the Roof Fund.