

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**December 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” arr. Lani Smith
Phil Thornbery, piano; Christine Baird, organ

Lighting the Advent Candle The Adkins Family

*Opening Carol: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” 133

Offerings

Ministry of Music: “*Christmas Is Here*” arr. Dale Wood

Pastoral Prayer 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

Offertory: “*God So Loved*” Robert Sterling
Sanctuary Choir

Sharing God’s Word

Children’s Message: Beth Daly

*Hymn of Preparation: “*When the King Shall Come Again*” 337

Scripture Reading: Micah 5: 2-5, 6:6-8 Katelyn LeMay

Sermon: “Being a People Ready to Receive Jesus”
Rev. K. Scott Robertson

Departing to Serve

*Hymn of Invitation: “*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” 135

The Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Breaking the Bread
Sharing the Cup

*Closing Hymn: “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” Words on Screen

Benediction

Postlude: “*Tell Out, My Soul!*” arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*Congregation stands as able.

Budget receipts needed by Dec. 31, 2018 to meet our 2018 pledge goal - \$ 75,074.48

Needed each week to meet 2018 Budget goal: \$ 7,400.00

Received 11/25- \$ 5,064.07 11/25 Worship Attendance: 131

Betty Creech Scholarship given this year: \$2,833.00

The J Lab Singers will present “*Away in a Manger*”, on Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. Fifteen children will share the familiar Christmas story through narration, scripture, and Christmas carols. Pizza and family craft night follows for everyone in the Celebration Center. *Plan to come and bring friends to hear the Christmas story presented by these delightful children!*

On Sunday morning, Dec. 16, the Sanctuary Choir, narrators, soloist, and instrumental ensemble will present the Christmas cantata, “*God’s Gift of Love*”. This festive service is a perfect opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ at First Baptist Church.

Christmas Food Drive - We are 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 by December 16. Thank you for your generous donation to help the hungry in our community.

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 Dec. 16** wrapped with the ornament attached to the outside. Many Christmas blessings to you for supporting this wonderful mission.

No Bible Study this week because of Children’s Program.

Thanks to all who helped with the 'Hanging of the Greens' on 11/24/18. From the Board of Deacons.

Pastor will be in Puerto Rico next week with a delegation of ABC Leaders to meet with pastors and church leaders, survey hurricane relief efforts, and assess current needs. If you would like him to present to a group you are involved in about the trip, let him know.

This Week at First

Today, December 2

9 a.m. Prayer

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

AFTER Worship –GIGGLES

Bake Sale

5 p.m. “Away in a Manger”

Children’s Christmas Musical

Afterwards: Pizza and Craft Night

Monday, December 3

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

7 p.m. Yoga

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, December 4

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

6 p.m. Deacons at J. Taylor’s

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 5

10 a.m. Yoga

7 p.m. ABY

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 6

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, December 7

6 p.m. Young Adult Christmas
Event

Saturday, December 8

10:30 a.m. E. Naudin Circle

11 a.m. M&M SS Class

Christmas lunch at Brown’s

Run CC

Serving Among Us Today

Senior Pastor:	Rev. K. Scott Robertson
Director of Music/Organist:	Christine Baird
Sanctuary Choir Director:	Brian Shepard
Children's Church Teacher:	Kadie Henry
Greeters:	Ken and Ingrid Standafer
Deacons Greeting:	Barb Brown, Kristen Adkins
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb, Ryan Krause
Visual Technicians:	Kristen Adkins, John Daly
Head Usher:	Dave Adams, Bob Welch

Pocket prayer cloths are a great addition to Christmas cards. They show joy as well as help with sickness and sorrow. They are found in a basket on the Welcome Center counter in the narthex. Help yourself over the holiday season.

Young Adult Christmas Event, Friday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Bring an appetizer, game and wear an "ugly" Christmas sweater.

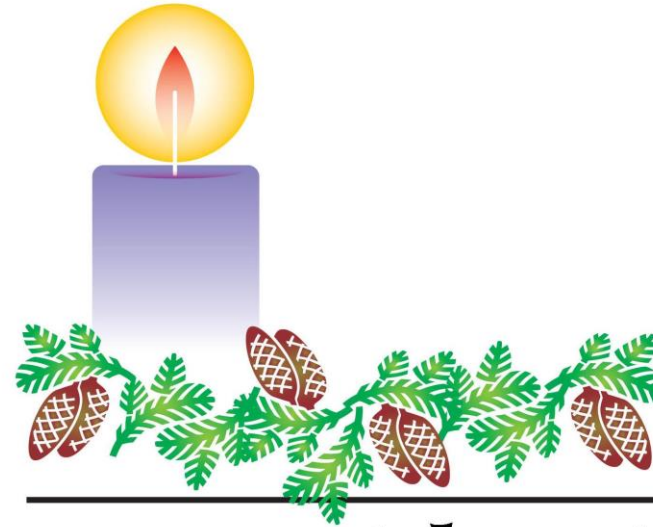
GIGGLES Group will be having a bake sale following worship today.

SHALOM (Serving the Homeless with Alternative Lodging of Middletown) has begun for the 2018-2019 season. Spring Hill Church of Christ hosted the first week which was the busiest first week SHALOM has experienced. FBC will be hosting those without shelter the week of February 17-24. Please put this week on your calendar as you consider how you might serve. Please start praying for this most important ministry to our community. Sign-ups will take place starting today for a couple of weeks and as needed in January.

Today we celebrate the following ways in which we have followed the call of Jesus into the world!

- Took a friend on a much needed shopping trip
- Helped to organize Ladies Christmas Breakfast
- Made Thanksgiving Dinner for family
- Sent flowers to encourage friends
- Delivery of food to the Salvation Army
- Brought gifts for Mission Tree
- Updated the Church website to share news with our community
- Helped to prepare the church for Advent

First Baptist Church



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Coming Soon

December 9

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
Bible Study

December 10

Church Staff Dinner
Cub Scouts
Yoga
Basketball

December 11

Rev It Up aerobics
Cub Scouts
Boy Scouts

December 12

Newsletter published

Yoga
Governance Comm. Presents
 To Staff and Boards
ABY
Sanctuary Choir

December 13

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
Day Care Staff Christmas
 Dinner
RAK
AA mtg.

December 14

Santa Shop for Day Care

December 15

Dress Rehearsal for Cantata
Small Group Training