

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**December 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: "Shepherds' Jubilee" arr. Michael Helman
First Baptist Ringers

Lighting the Advent Candle The Krause Family

*Opening Carol: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 174

Offerings

Ministry of Music: "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High" arr. John Behnke
First Baptist Ringers

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: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Larry Shackley
Sanctuary Choir

Sharing God's Word

Children's Message: Susan Singer

*Carol: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" 170

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26: 36-39 (p. 808) Jackie Cape

Sermon: "The Purpose for Which Jesus Was Born"
Rev. K. Scott Robertson

Departing to Serve

*Hymn of Invitation: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" 156

Benediction

Postlude: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. J. Wayne Kerr
*Congregation stands as able.

Budget receipts needed by Dec. 31, 2018 to meet our 2018 pledge goal - \$ 69,998.26

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

Received 12/2- \$ 5,076.22 12/2 Worship Attendance: 112

Betty Creech Scholarship given this year: \$2,853.00

Next Sunday morning, December 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.

After worship next Sunday, December 16, a reception will be held honoring **Brian Shepard**, our Sanctuary Choir Director. Brian has been a blessing to FBC sharing his gift of music for the past 2 ½ years. *Brian's last Sunday with us is December 30th*. Please join us to show our love and appreciation to him.

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.

2019 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.

Santa Shop for the children will be next Sunday during the worship time.

This Week at First

Today, December 9

9 a.m. Prayer

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Bible Study

Monday, December 10

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

6 p.m. Staff Dinner at Church

7 p.m. Yoga

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, December 11

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 12

Newsletter published

10 a.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. Governance Comm.

Meets with the Boards & Staff

7 p.m. ABY

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 13

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

6:15 p.m. Day Care Staff &

Comm. Christmas Dinner

7 p.m. RAK

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, December 14

10 a.m. Santa Shop for Day Care

Saturday, December 15

10 a.m. Choir Cantata

Rehearsal

1 p.m. Small group training

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:	Annie Cobb, Joni Janney
Greeters:	Ken and Ingrid Standafer
Deacons Greeting:	Tina Breitenbach, Kristen Adkins
Audio Technician:	Ron Cobb, Ryan Krause
Visual Technicians:	Travis Adkins, Kristen Adkins
Head Usher:	Dave Adams, Bob Welch

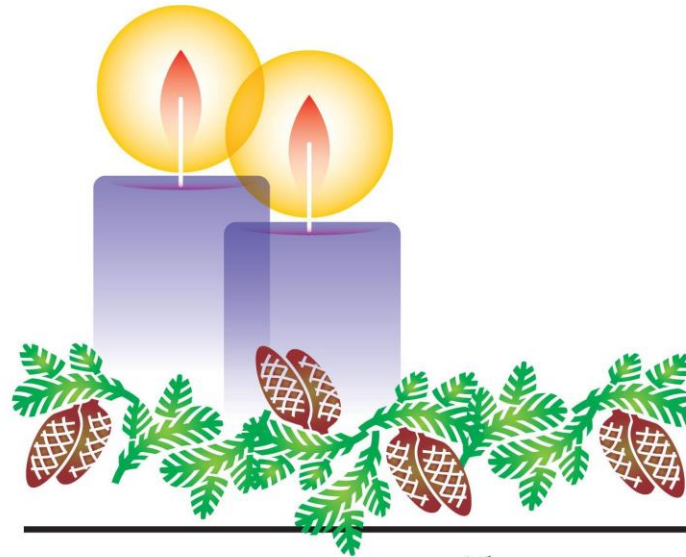
Pocket prayer cloths are a great addition to Christmas cards. They show joy as well as help with sickness and sorrow. They are found in a basket on the Welcome Center counter in the narthex. Help yourself over the holiday season.

Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24 at 6 p.m. This service will have a pre service prelude beginning at 5:30 p.m.

RMMO – Retired Minister's and Missionaries Offering will be taken at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. The envelopes are in the pews if you would like to contribute before then.

Attention Staff, Board, and Committee Chairpersons as well as Sunday School classes: In preparation of the Annual Business Meeting January 27, annual reports will be due in the church office by Thursday, January 10. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in meeting this deadline.

First Baptist Church



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Coming Soon

December 16

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
Bible Study

December 17

Cub Scouts
Yoga
Basketball

December 18

Rev It Up aerobics
Cub Scouts
Board of Trustees
Boy Scouts

December 19

Yoga
ABY
Praise Singers
Sanctuary Choir

December 20

Rev It Up aerobics
Tai Chi
AA mtg.

December 21

Poinsettias delivered
MOPS event
Game Day

December 22

ABY go caroling