

**Sunday Morning
Worship**

**December 16, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Gathering

Welcome / Announcements / Sharing

Prelude: “*A Joyous Christmas Medley*” arr. Lani Smith
Phil Thornbery, piano; Christine Baird, organ

Lighting the Advent Candle: Tom, Terri & Kadie Henry

*Opening Carol: “*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*” 146

Offerings

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: “*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*” arr. Albrecht
Kristen Mauk, flute

Children to Children’s Church

Sharing God’s Word

“God’s Gift of Love”

Gloria arr. John Purifoy

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming arr. Larry Shackley

Behold the Blessed Savior arr. Robert Sterling

To Touch His Tiny Hand Douglas E. Wagner

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Lloyd Larson
(please sing when instructed)

Welcome to Our World arr. Lloyd Larson
Lexiana Krause, soloist

Night of the Father’s Love arr. Pepper Choplin

Good Christians, Now Rejoice arr. Joseph M. Martin

Departing to Serve

Benediction

Postlude: “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” arr. Mary McDonald
*Congregation stands as able.

Budget receipts needed by Dec. 31, 2018 to meet our 2018 pledge goal - \$ 63,901.55

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

Received 12/9- \$ 6,096.71 12/9 Worship Attendance: 116

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

Stewardship Report – 59 pledges for a total of \$214,340

After worship 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 at FBC is December 30th*. Please join us to show our love and appreciation to him.

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 during Children’s Church TODAY.

Pastor Scotty will be leading a mission board approved mission trip to Puerto Rico on July 20-27, 2019. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$700.00 a person, however we will be doing fundraisers to help offset the cost. Anyone who thinks they may be interested is invited to a presentation after worship on Sunday, January 6. If you would like to go on the trip, please confirm with Pastor by February 1. *This presentation is also for anyone who may be interested in what Pastor learned about the work we as American Baptist are doing on the Island on his recent trip there.*

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

Pastor Scotty & Jami’s new address: 4114 Windridge Court, Middletown, 45042

This Week at First

Today, December 16

9 a.m. Prayer

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship – Cantata-

Santa Shop for the Children

After worship: Reception for Brian Shepard

6 p.m. Bible Study

Monday, December 17

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

7 p.m. Yoga

8 p.m. Basketball

Tuesday, December 18

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

6 p.m. Cub Scouts

6 p.m. Trustee meeting at Olive Garden

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 19

10 a.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. Praise Singers

7 p.m. ABY

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 20

9 a.m. Rev It Up aerobics

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi

7:30 p.m. AA mtg.

Friday, December 21

10 a.m. Poinsettias delivered

10 a.m. MOPS Event

1 p.m. Game Day

Saturday, December 22

6-8 p.m. ABY caroling

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
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.

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.

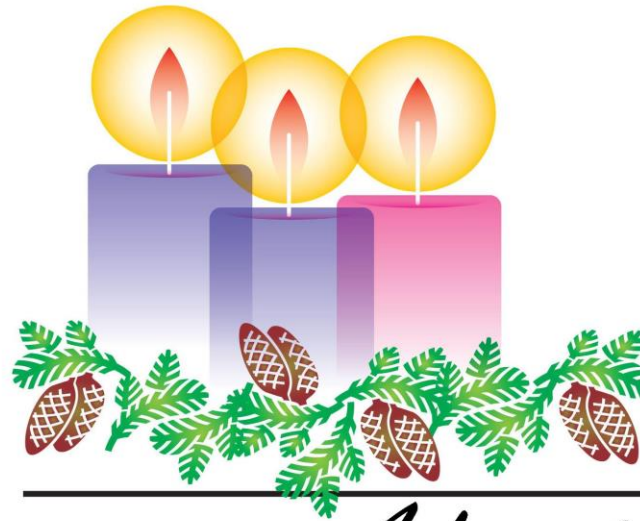
Attention Staff, Board, and Committee Chairpersons as well as Sunday School classes: In preparation of the Annual Business Meeting January 27, annual reports will be due in the church office by Thursday, January 10. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in meeting this deadline.

16 women, 20 men and 1 child - that's how many would have had no where to go if our community of churches was not involved with SHALOM (Serving the Homeless with Alternative Lodging Of Middletown). 37 people have received shelter, food and the message that Christ loves them. Plan to be part of this ministry when FBC hosts the week of February 17th. All types of volunteers are needed. Please consider spending the evening or overnight hours. Sign-ups continue today.

Thank you to all the men and women who worked to make the 61st Women's Christmas Breakfast a reality and thank you to the Board of Deacons who sponsored the event. Donations were given to support the Salvation Army Christmas baskets. A beautiful fellowship outreach celebration to welcome in the Christmas season.

The following dates are for members of the congregation to be introduced to the new proposed Governance Structure from the Governance Study group. Please come learn about the proposal and get your questions answered. We will vote on the proposed structure at the Annual Business meeting 1/27. Dates are 1/5 at 10 a.m., 1/15 at 6 p.m., 1/24 at 6p.m., & 1/26 at 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Rev. K. Scott Robertson, Senior Pastor

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Middletown, Ohio 45042**

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Coming Soon

December 23

Prayer
Sunday School
Worship
Bible Study

December 24

Church office and

Day Care Center Closed

5:30 p.m. Candlelight Prelude

6 p.m. Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service

December 25

Merry Christmas!!!

December 26

No ABY

December 27

AA mtg.

December 28

ABY Overnight

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Phil Thornbery

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Will Cunningham

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