



## Welcome to FBC!

**We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!**

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**FBC exists to CONNECT people to God by faith in Jesus and to unite us to each other as we GROW together in faith and maturity in Christ, leading us to SERVE like Jesus in our church, our city, and the nations.**

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# The Gift of Life



**November 27, 2022**  
First Baptist Church  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

## Order of Worship

Prelude Yannah Gustafson

Welcome Pastor Oren Conner

Advent Candle Lighting Hope // Isaiah 9:2

76 // **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (1, 2, 4)

Prayer for the Nations of Asia Pastor Oren Conner

Anthem *Sing of a Merry Christmas* // Martin Sanctuary Choir

122 / **Tell Me the Story of Jesus**

537 // **I Will Sing the Wondrous Story** (1, 2, 3, 5)

Scripture Reading Romans 8:5-11 Larkin Harris

Deacon Offertory Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

96 // **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Message **New Life, New Mind** Pastor Oren Conner

John 3:9-15

Response 77 // **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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## Announcements

Be sure to pick up your copy of our **2022 Advent Devotional**, written by members of FBC to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Join with us in reading each day from now through Christmas Day. *The digital version is available online at [fbcbr.com/advent](http://fbcbr.com/advent).*

The **Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for International Missions** will begin on *December 4*, and the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** will be collected on *December 11*. Please pray about how you will give.

The FBC choir will present **A Celebration of Christmas** with a full orchestra on *Sunday, December 11 at 10:45 am*. Don't miss this special service as we celebrate the Christmas season together! Invite your friends to join us!

The **Downtown Christmas Pilgrimage** will also be on *Sunday, December 11*, so mark your calendar for a music-filled day in celebration of our Savior!

We need **new socks for the homeless** (men and women) to fill a very large sack across from our FBC library. Please help to make **"A Sack of Socks"** a successful Christmas collection for the needy. Be sure the elf (who watches the sack) sees you make that donation of Christian love!

**Christmas Eve Service:** 4:00 pm—*new time!*

**Christmas Day:** Worship at 10:45 am—*no Sunday School*

**New Year's Day:** Regular Schedule *including First Sunday Fellowship!*

## Weekly Activities

### Wednesday Night

Fellowship Meal - 5:00 pm

Prayer Meeting - 5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

*Menu: pear salad, pork and sausage jambalaya, spinach, cornbread, snickerdoodle cake*

### GriefShare

*Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Conference Room*

Contact the office for more information!

## Monthly

### First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

*Sunday, December 4 at 8:45 am. Everyone's Invited!*

### Women on Mission & Senior Adult Luncheon

*Tuesday, December 13*

**76 // O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

**122 // Tell me the Story of Jesus**

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart ev'ry word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell how the angels, in chorus,  
Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth."

Refrain:

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart ev'ry word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert,  
Tell of the days that are past;  
How for our sins He was tempted,  
Yet was triumphant at last.

Tell of the years of His labor,  
Tell of the sorrow He bore;  
He was despised and afflicted,  
Homeless, rejected, and poor.

Refrain

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell how He liveth again.

Love in that story so tender,  
Clearer than ever I see:  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,  
Love paid the ransom for more.

Refrain

**537 // I Will Sing the Wondrous Story  
(1, 2, 3, 5)**

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.

Refrain:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story,  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.

Refrain

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me;  
Faint was I from many a fall;  
Sight was gone and fears possessed me,  
But he freed me from them all.

Refrain

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Refrain

**96 // Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Man and beast before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And man is blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save;  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!

**77 // Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.