



Welcome to FBC!

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

If you are new here, please take a moment to connect with us. Find a Connect Card in the back of the pew in front of you. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code to fill it out online. Thank you!

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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.

Our Staff

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in memory of Cart Varnado on the third anniversary of his homegoing by his wife Reona and his daughter Rehnea and her family.

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The Gift of Life



December 4, 2022
First Baptist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Order of Worship

Prelude Yannah Gustafson

Welcome Larkin Harris

Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle John and Carol Lizana
Faith // Isaiah 40:1-3

100 // **Angels We Have Heard on High**
86 // **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (1, 3, 4)

Baptism Candidate: Adam Cooper Pastor Oren Conner
94 // **Angels, From the Realms of Glory**

Scripture Reading Psalm 111 Zac Shawhan

Anthem *This Child* Sanctuary Choir

Deacon Offertory Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
106 // **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Message **New Life, New Mind** Pastor Oren Conner
John 3:9-15

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

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Announcements

The month of December is for giving! Take some time to pray for our international missionaries and the people groups they serve. Pray about how you will give to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**. Thank you for giving to further the gospel at home and abroad!

The FBC choir will present **A Celebration of Christmas** with a full orchestra next *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*, and will begin at 5:30 pm at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church. Park here at FBC or nearby and meet us at Mt. Zion to walk from church to church and hear and sing Christmas songs! Make sure you are at FBC at 8:00 to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the mass choir!

Pilgrimage Schedule:

5:30 Mt. Zion First Baptist Church	7:00 St. James Episcopal Church
6:00 First United Methodist Church	7:30 St. Joseph Cathedral
6:30 First Presbyterian Church	8:00 First Baptist Church

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/advert.*

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: salad, cowboy stew (chili w/ beans, corn, and potatoes), cornbread, pecan brownie

GriefShare

Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Conference Room

Contact the office for more information!

Monthly

First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, January 1 at 8:45 am. Everyone's Invited!

Women on Mission & Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, December 13

100 // Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

86 // O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

94 // Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

106 // Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Angels winging, praises singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you!

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.

82 // Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.