



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.

In Memory

Today's musical presentation is dedicated to the memory of Jerry Ratcliff, faithful servant of the Lord.

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A Celebration of Christmas

Prelude		Yannah Gustafson
Words of Welcome		Pastor Oren Conner
	O Come, All Ye Faithful	Congregation
Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle		The Shawhan Family
Prayer		
	Sing of a Merry Christmas Christmas Fanfare	<i>Martin</i> <i>arr. Martin</i>
Reading	THE PROPHECY Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, Hosea 11:1	Linda Allor
	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Congregation
Reading	GABRIEL VISITS MARY Luke 1:26-33	Helen Bankston
	The Coming Joy <i>Dana Lux, soloist</i>	<i>arr. Martin</i>
Reading	THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:1-7	Bob Reeves
	This Child O Wondrous Night <i>Erin Woolworth, soloist</i>	<i>McDonald</i> <i>arr. Martin</i>
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Away in a Manger <i>Brandi Chamblless, soloist</i>	<i>McDonald</i> <i>Martin</i>
Reading	REJOICING AT THE MANGER Luke 2:8-20	Laura Wilson
	Shepherds Come Rejoicing Good Christians All, Rejoice	<i>Martin</i> <i>Fettke/Grassi</i>
Reading	SHARE THE GOOD NEWS John 3:16, John 1:1-5, 14	Fran Drago
	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	<i>lJames</i>
Closing Words		Pastor Oren Conner
Offering		
	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Oren Conner
	Joy to the World! The Lord is Come	Congregation

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!

If you would like to purchase a **Christmas Poinsettia** in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office or Ms. Fran Drago. They are \$15 each and may be taken home following the worship service on Christmas Day.

The **Downtown Christmas Pilgrimage** is tonight! Meet us at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church and enjoy Christmas music at each of the downtown churches, finishing here at FBC with the *Hallelujah* Chorus, and a cookie and cider fellowship to follow!

Pilgrimage Schedule:

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

Join us for our **Senior Adult Luncheon** this Tuesday, December 13, at 11:30 am. Yannah Gustafson and friends will be providing the entertainment, and we will enjoy chicken & sausage gumbo with salad and dessert!

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 fbcbcr.com/advent.*

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!

Special Thanks to:

Orchestra

Violin 1
Antoaneta Ortiz
Jivka Duke

Violin 2
Elena MacFarland
Anna Stanley

Viola
Sonia Lloyd
Amy Pan

Cello
Zi-Yun Luo
Maria Auxiliadora

Flute
Shanna Drescher
Erika Richardson

Clarinet
Cecilia Kang

Oboe
Jana Zilova

Trumpet
Megan George
Nolan Wible

Horn
Angela Finley

Trombone
Austin Richardson

Percussion
Spencer Jones
Rosalinda Ramirez

Piano
Yannah Gustafson

Sanctuary Choir

Linda Allor
Patsy Allor
Gwyn Baddley
Helen Bankston
Kaye Carroll
David Cartwright
Brandi Chamblless
Dorothy Cox
Fran Drago
Carla Foster
Marguerite Gravois

Carol Lizana
Dana Lux
Cindy Major
Denise Odum
Bob Reeves
Elouise Shaw
Gary Shaw
Jim Simon
Richard Williams
Laura Wilson
Jane Wood
Erin Woolworth
Doug Woolworth

Audio/Visual

Glenn Walden
Garrett Dupre
Cody Hue
Jerry Major
Jamie Dearman
Nate Conner
Mason Harris
Denise Walden

Decorations

Fran Drago and many wonderful volunteers



89 // O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts
Of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

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, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

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!

88 // Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

87 // Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.