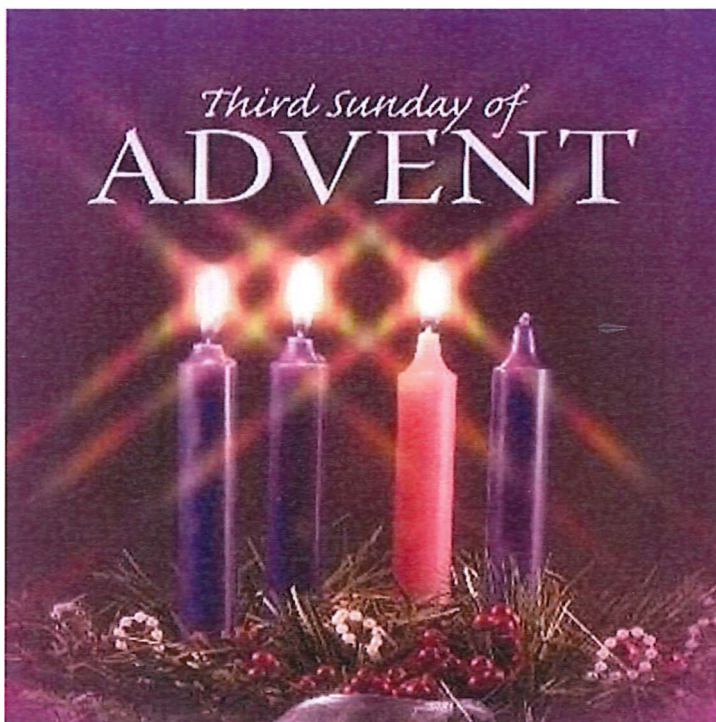




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGHLAND AVENUE • WINSTON-SALEM NC

REACHING, PREACHING, AND TEACHING THE GOSPEL TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



Sunday, December 17, 2023

Rev. Dr. A. Ray Campbell, Interim Pastor
Rev. Glenn Pettiford, Assistant Pastor

Order of Worship
Sunday, December 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Music for Gathering	Choir & Congregation	Pastoral Search Committee	Rev. Joycelyn Foy
Call To Worship		Musical Selection <i>"Now Behold The Lamb"</i>	David R. Hedgley Choir
Minister: The heavens declared the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.		Pastoral Observations	
Congregation: The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.		Tithes and Offerings <i>(late worshipers may enter)</i>	
All: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. <i>Psalm 19:1,7,14 kj</i>		Offertory Prayer	Deacon William Warren
Scripture <i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	Deacon William Warren	Congregational Selection <i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i>	Hymn #199
Invocation and Lord's Prayer <i>Pastor and Congregation</i>		Musical Selection <i>"Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child"</i>	David R. Hedgley Choir
Moments of Inner Reflection <i>(late worshipers may enter)</i>		MESSAGE <i>"Christmas and the glory of God"</i>	Dr. A. Ray Campbell
Prayer/Altar Call	Deacon William Warren	Invitation To Discipleship	
Advent Reading	Kara Leak	Closing Hymn of Praise/Benediction <i>"I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord"</i>	Hymn #480
Welcome/Announcements	Mrs. Kathleen Ellis		
Baby Dedication	Billie Mun Corrigan		

99 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."
Luke 2:15, 20

- 1. O. come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
- 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
- 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786

HE CAME DOWN 200

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may... have eternal life.
John 3:16

He came down that we may have *love; He

came down that we may have love; He came down that we may

Solo: Why did He come?
have love, Hal - le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.

*Substitute peace, joy, hope, life, etc.

480 I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR MY LORD

...your servants will cross over, everyone armed for war, to do battle for the LORD...
Numbers 32:27

Refrain

I am on the bat-tle - field for my Lord, I'm

on the bat-tle - field for my Lord; And I

prom-ised Him that I would serve Him till I die. I am

on the bat-tle - field for my Lord.

Verses

1. I was a - lone and i - dle, I was a
2. I left my friends and kin - dred Bound for the
3. Now when I met my Sav - ior, I met Him

sin - ner too, I heard a voice from heav - en Say
Prom-ised Land, The grace of God up - on me, The
with a smile, He healed my wound - ed spir - it, And

there is work to do, I took the Mas - ter's hand, And I
Bi - ble in my hand, In dis - tant lands I trod, Cry - ing
owned me as His child, A - round the throne of grace, He ap -

joined the Chris-tian band, I'm on the bat-tle-field for my Lord.
sin - ner come to God, I'm on the bat-tle-field for my Lord.
points my soul a place, I'm on the bat-tle-field for my Lord.

Text: Sylvana Bell and E.V. Banks

Tune: BATTLEFIELD, 7 6 7 6 6 7 9 with refrain; Gospel Hymn; arr. by Joseph Joubert, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

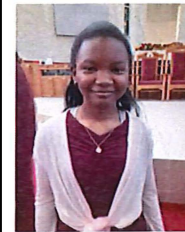
Devotional

A faith to see you through:

Why do teachers give tests? It's because they want to see if their students are learning, if they are listening and if they have been paying attention. God gives tests as well, and He rarely, if ever, announces them ahead of time. He wants to see if we are learning the material. He wants to see if we are really grasping what He is trying to teach us. God wants us to grow. He wants us to mature. He wants us to become stronger spiritually. So when you are going through a time of testing, trial, or difficulty, remember what God's Word says: "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4) I have been in those places of testing, and I can say with absolute confidence that God has never failed me. He has always taken care of me. And He will take care of you too. Even if you are facing a difficult situation and looking at a bleak scenario, God can pull you through. The Bible assures us that He is the author and the finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) Be encouraged. (Source:raycampbellblog.wordpress.com)

We are pleased to dedicate the following baby:

Billie Mun Corrigan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew (Keena Jones Corrigan) Leonard. The babies' paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Rodney (Angie Gribble) Leonard, and maternal grandparents are Mr. James Corrigan & Mrs. Sonja Jones Corrigan.



On behalf of FBC Usher Ministry, we would like to congratulate Kara Leak for winning 1st prize in her age group on reading an essay written by her on the importance of Christian Education.

**Forsyth County United Usher Board
Oratorical & Poetry Contest**

Good afternoon, I am here today to talk about the importance of Christian education. Christian education is important because it can bring you closer to our heavenly father, it can teach you how to live your life in a faithful way, and it can teach you to be grateful, kind, loving, and humble.

Christian education is important because it brings you closer to Jesus Christ, and that is important because then you will never be led astray, and you may be granted forgiveness and love.

Christian education is a good thing to have because it can teach you to live your life in a faithful way and make you want to work to get into heaven one day. It also encourages you to pray for yourself and others around you.

Christian teaching is significant because it can teach you to be grateful for all you have and for all the blessings that were bestowed upon you. It is also significant because it can teach you to be humble and kind, not too fast to take offense, and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. It can teach you to treat others as you would have done unto you, and it can teach you to discern good and bad intentions and teach others about the will of God.

As you have now heard christian education is important because it brings you closer to our heavenly father, it teaches you how to live life in faith, and it can teach you to be kind, grateful, loving, and humble. These things are important to me because I see it around me every day. People being kind to others, people praying for others or themselves, and people being thankful for what they have and being willing to share. Thank you.

Announcements For The Week of December 17, 2023

December Sermons

December 10, 2023
Christmas and the peace of God
Luke 2:1-14

December 17, 2023
Christmas and the glory of God
Luke 2:8-14

December 24, 2023
Christmas and the manger of God
Luke 2:1-7

The Penny Drive - Due to the church being closed the Samaritan Ministry Penny Drive will continue until the end of December.

"**The FBC Usher Ministry** would like to thank everyone who supported this year's toy drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 171 toys to the Salvation Army to help brighten someone else's Christmas morning."

Thank you all who participated in the "Operation InAsmuch" blanket and throw outreach with Allegacy Credit Union. We gave over 60+ blankets and throws.

To God be the glory.
Ms. Andrea M. Bush "OI" coordinator

The contribution statements for 2023 will be emailed to everyone next month. Please contact Olita Alexander at oalexander@fbcwinston.org or 336.722.5605 if you need to update your contact information or prefer to have your contribution statement mailed to you.

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SUNDAY AND WEEK -DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE HOUR 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 8:45AM
NOON-DAY BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY 12:00 NOON
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

All services are online on Facebook and YouTube.
Bible studies also via Zoom.