

The Celebration of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Invocation Edwin Davis

Welcome DuPre Sanders

Unison Reading Psalm 62:5,8

We wait quietly before God, for our hope is in him. He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress where we will not be shaken. May we trust in him at all times.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath JD Granade
The Candle of Hope

Hymn 176 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Children's Sermon Amanda Weaver

Hymn 180 "The First Noel"

Offertory Prayer Glenn Day

Offering

Choral Worship "And It Came to Pass"

Sermon "Evergreen Wreath and Shriveled Leaf" DuPre Sanders
Isaiah 64:1-9

Hymn 175 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Postlude

NURSERY AND EXTENDED SESSION -

provided for children from birth through age five in the Preschool area (first floor of Building B)

Today:

Susan Laws (Nursery)
Kevin & Chasity Horne (Extended Session)
Martha Tuck & Tara Holmes (Special Needs)

Sunday, December 10:

Trish Long (Nursery)
Charles & Allison Dacus (Extended Session)
Lori, Cannon & Carter Stacey (Special Needs)

"REALLY, REALLY, REALLY GOOD NEWS", a Christmas musical, will be presented by the Children's Choir on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

CAROLING & DINNER - Our children in kindergarten through fifth grade invite everyone to join them on Friday, December 15 (4:45 – 8) for caroling, followed by dinner and games. Please sign up in the church office.

"ONE DOLLAR" CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER FUND RAISER will be on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Come and enjoy this fourth annual concert with live Christmas and gospel music, and please bring a donation (at least \$1) to assist in the ministry of the Christian Help Center.

WARMING OF THE TREE AND GLOBAL MISSIONS INGATHERING - During our morning worship service on Sunday, December 17, we will have opportunity to bring toboggans, gloves, scarves, etc. to place under our Chrismon Tree for those in need. Also, bring your CBF Global Missions Offering and/or your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to place in baskets at the time of commitment.

"AND IT CAME TO PASS—EMMANUEL", a special Christmas musical worship experience will be Sunday, December 17. After worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon, sponsored by the Baptist Men, in the fellowship hall. Proceeds from donations (\$6.00 is suggested) will be used to fund mission projects.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - A church-wide lunch of BBQ chicken, baked potato, salad bar, dessert, and drink will be served in the fellowship hall following worship on December 17. A \$6.00 donation is suggested. The meal is sponsored by the Baptist Men, and proceeds are used to fund mission projects.

RBC SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCH - A Christmas lunch for the RBC Senior Adults will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The meal will cost \$5.00 per person. Please call the church office by December 11 to sign up. Anyone who can assist delivering the fruit baskets for the sick and shut-ins after our meal would be greatly appreciated.

Advent Memorials

This year, you can honor and/or memorialize special people in your life by making a contribution that will be used to purchase needed Christmas decorations for the church. A contribution of \$15.00 per memorial is suggested. Your name and the names of those you honor or memorialize will be printed in the December 17 bulletin when the Chancel Choir performs its Christmas Cantata.

Please fill out the form below and print your name and the name(s) of those you honor or memorialize exactly as you want them printed in the bulletin. ***Please return the form with your check to the church by Sunday, December 3.***

(Your name as you want it printed in bulletin)

_____ In Memor _____ In Honor

(Please check one)

of _____

(Name(s) as you want it printed in the bulletin)

Relation _____

(Parent, Spouse, Child, Sister, Brother, Friend, etc.)

