



Kelly Latimore, "Christ: Swords into Plowshares"

Sunday November 27, 2022
The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

Things to Know

Masks are now optional on the church campus. We understand there are those within the congregation who will need or want to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to keep masks around the church for those who may want to use them.

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

Participate in the service as much or as little as you like. Stand when others stand, or remain seated. Sing when others sing, or enjoy the way this old sanctuary fills with sound. Invitations to stand as you are able are marked with an asterisk (*). Invitations to respond in word or song are noted in bold.

For Those With Children

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

For Those with Special Needs

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

*Abby Ingoldsby, acolyte
, standard bearer*

Call to Worship

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Jacques Berthier

**Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God!**

The Prelude

“Tell Out, My Soul”
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Paul Manz

The Litany

Tony Kight, Christopher Davis,
Linley, Ellery, and Hattie

God of hope, we long for the day when swords will be beat into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and we will study war no more.

O Come, O come Emmanuel! Come to your world, which waits for you!

Keep us awake, O God, that we would be found ready when the day of your justice comes.

O Come, O come Emmanuel! Come to your world, which waits for you!

We light this candle of hope against a world of broken promises. Help us to be people of hope, O God for whom we wait.

O Come, O come Emmanuel! Come to your world, which waits for you!

Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Tony Kight, Christopher Davis,
Linley, Ellery, and Hattie

The Congregational
Response 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Refrain)

ADESTE FIDELIS

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come let us adore his, Christ the Lord!**

*The Hymn of Praise 79

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

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

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]**

**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. [Refrain]**

**4 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]**

*The Invocation

Rebecca Pursiful

*The Gloria Patri 705

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Welcome

Scott Dickison

“Let the Children Come”

Rebecca Pursiful

Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” WOW will meet in its former location outside the children's Sunday school classrooms. Pick up your children there after worship. The W.O.W. leader this week is Rebecca Pursiful and the shepherds this week are Monica and Elinore Fenimore

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 94

Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!**

*The Offertory Prayer

Doug Thompson
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion
Caroline Cooke, soprano

G.F. Handel

*The Offertory Response 131
(stanza 4)

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give to Him: give Him my heart.**

Christina Rossetti

THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Charlie Gustafson

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kelsey Stillwell

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

The Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Deborah Govenor

The Chancel Choir

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

Text: 15 th -century German carol, translated Theodore Baker

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

Scott Dickison

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

“The Day Is Near”

Scott Dickison

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of
Commitment 85

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

PLEADING SAVIOR

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.
ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.
Dance and move to show God’s glory; kneel and pause to hear God’s word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, He will rise up from the dead.
Lift the cup of sin forgiven, bless the host and eat His bread.
Mend the ways where peace is broken, give yourselves to true Shalom.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church and home.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.**

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Congregational Response

“Alleluia”

traditional chant

Postlude

”Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. Gilbert Martin



FBCX
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

Following the program, Leon Brock will be taking photos for families in front of the Christmas tree, and you're invited to the Fellowship Hall for a dessert fellowship. Please bring a goodie to share!

Celebrating Scott

10 YEARS AT FBCX



Sunday, December 4th

Stay after worship for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall as we share "markers" from the journey over the past 10 years with Scott as our Pastor.

"The geographical pilgrimage is the symbolic acting out of an inner journey. The inner journey is the interpolation of the meanings and signs of the outer pilgrimage. One can have one without the other. It is best to have both." — Thomas Merton

Individual Sunday School classes have been asked to supply specific food items. If you are not involved in a class, please contact Jackie Riley by Nov. 20 to sign up. (Jackie.riley@cox.net / 478-297-7838).



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ADVENT 2022

12/4
6:00PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
PROGRAM

LESSONS AND CAROLS
DURING MORNING WORSHIP

12/11
11:00AM

12/14
6:00PM

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
AND CAROLING

SERVICE FOR THE
LONGEST NIGHT

12/21
6:00PM

12/24
5:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

12/25
11:00AM



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, November 27

9:45 am Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 pm Master plan committee

Monday, November 28

9:00 am Crisis closet
 9:00 am Circle of Hope

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 am Language Ministry
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 5:30 pm Family Dinner
 6:00 pm Young Musicians and Music Makers
 6:15 pm Youth "Unplugged"
 6:30 pm Language Ministry
 Choir Practice
 Adult Bible study
 6:45 pm Kids on Mission

Saturday, December 3

11:00 am Choir Practice

Sunday, December 4

9:45 am Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm Lunch for Scot
 6:00 pm Children's choir program

Deacon of the Week

November 24 Doug Thompson
 December 1 David Cooke

Birthdays

November 28 Lydia Eason
 December 1 Rebecca Cooke
 December 2 Audrey Davis
 Lesley Myrick

December 3

Emery Fuller

December 4

Jesse Clark

The Record Speaks

Date: 11/05/22
 Budget to Date: \$547,105
 Receipts (Offering): \$472,220
 Receipts (Endowments): \$59,180
 Expenses: \$522,007
 Missions: \$34,542
 YTD Loss \$(25,149)

Wednesday Night Supper

Scan this QR code to make a reservation for Wednesday night supper by this afternoon. You can pay by using the church's giving app or by check or cash on Wednesday night. Menu for this week is Moe's.



WOW Location Change

WOW is moving locations and will be meeting in the area outside the children's Sunday school classrooms. Caretakers will pick up children there after worship.

Advent Devotionals

Pick up Advent devotionals in the office lobby or education lobby.

The Dawn Chorus: Songbirds know a thing or two about singing into darkness: in the wee hours of the morning, before the sun appears over the horizon, they begin a great symphony that scientists call the “dawn chorus.” Advent is the church’s dawn chorus. This devotional walks through the season’s four weeks, singing into shadows and looking to the light. Please be sure to also pick up the extra sheet of bird ornaments.

Naming Jesus (For families with youth and children): There’s so much in a name. This devotional is all about the many names we give to Jesus, and the life-changing names he gives to us. Organized around the season’s four traditional themes (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love), this devotional features a simple, home-based weekly Advent service. Several accessible, family-friendly practices round out each week, all designed to bring a little more meaning and mystery to your Christmas preparations and celebrations.

Historic In-town Macon Holiday Tour of Homes

Saturday and Sunday

December 10 & 11 1:00 —6:00 pm

Our beautiful, historic church will be featured in this year’s tour of homes! We are in need of volunteers to be present in the sanctuary to help host each day. Please contact Emily Kell to sign up.

MISSIONS

Christmas Toy Shop

Monday, December 19th

9:00 am— 11:00 am

The Toy Shop tradition is back!

We will host a toy shop for members of the community who attend our Crisis Closet. The hope is that parents can maintain dignity by purchasing toys for their children and can take pride in providing for their families. Donations are collected and sold in the Toy Shop at a deeply discounted price.

How you can Help. Help us stock the toy shop! We need toy donations for babies through teenagers. Drop off the toys in the church office with the receipt attached or order from Amazon and have them delivered to the church.

Volunteers are needed on the day of the sale to help with set up, snacks, gift wrapping, and more. Volunteers can also help with sorting and pricing the week before.

Dates

Sunday, December 11: Final day to drop off toys

Monday, December 12: Circle of Hope, sorting and pricing

Monday, December 19: Toy Sale

Serving Lunch at Daybreak, Volunteers Needed

FBCX will prepare and serve lunch at Daybreak on Friday, December 30th. There are a few dates throughout the year on which organizations that provide free meals are closed for the holidays. On these days, Daybreak allows their space to be used to provide meals and coordinates with churches and other organizations to prepare and serve the meals. This is the case for the week following Christmas. Daybreak has asked FBCX to help with one of these meals, and we are scheduled for December 30th.

We need a team of folks to help cook and serve the meal on the 30th.

If you are interested, please contact Kelsey, and she will be in touch.

Wednesday Night Schedule Change For Youth and Children

The children and youth areas will no longer be open for after-school care. Wednesday night activities for children and youth will start with dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and proceed as usual. At this time, we do not have the staff and volunteers needed for after school care; and with extra events and activities coming up for the holidays, we have decided it is best to take a break from offering this for all students. This has been a great program that we have been glad to offer, and are tremendously grateful to our volunteers who work with our children each week. In this season of transition, however, we are not able to maintain the support we wish to give and that

this ministry deserves. We will revisit the possibility of offering it again at the start of the year. Thank you for understanding!

YOUTH

Youth Christmas Party Friday, December 16 5:00-9:00pm Location TBD

Get ready for the annual 'Amazing Youth Christmas Race' of 2022! We will meet in the FBCX parking lot to start the race and will end with dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a \$10 or under wrapped gift.

Needed: Drivers for the amazing race, 5:00-7:30. You will drive a team of youth around town to complete challenges. Contact Kelsey if you're interested

NOTES AND DOODLES

Poinsettia Orders

Place your order now for Sanctuary Poinsettias. Poinsettias will be placed for Sunday, December 4. Please fill out this form and return to the office. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church of Christ for \$10.00 or you can submit your order on-line by following the link in the newsletter. .

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____ Amount: _____

Signs of the Season

The paraments on the pulpit and Communion table and the ministers' stoles are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. Advent is the beginning of the Christian year. The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival," and the season anticipates the birth of Jesus and the return of Christ in his Second Advent. Purple symbolizes penitence and fasting as well as royalty to welcome the Advent of Christ.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given in memory of Catherine Tucker, Paul Tucker, and Romney Tucker by the Tucker family.



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