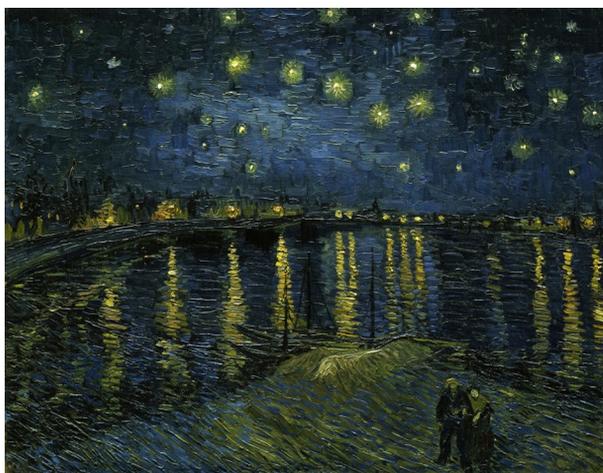




First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E



THE WORSHIP OF GOD Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

The Blessed Angels Sing

arr. Helman

Handbell players: Thomas Bass, Julia Bass,
Catherine Davenport, Amanda Eldridge, Susan Garber,
Kaylin Hartsock, Steven Lloyd, Merci Rowlett,
Kristi Sanford, Addison Snyder, Caroline Snyder,
Noah Snyder; Angie France director

Advent Wreath Lighting

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

Wesley/Rainey

Worship Ensemble and Congregation
Kristi Sanford and Susan Garber, handbells

Responsive Litany

Clark Measels

Advent is a time to celebrate God's love.

God's love is pure.

We celebrate by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

God's love is everlasting.

We celebrate by loving the Lord our God with all our hearts.

God's love is all-powerful.

We celebrate by spreading God's love to a world in need.

God's love is freely given to all.**

Lighting the Candle of Love

Clark Measels, narrator

Clay Farrar and Seth Hunnicutt

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Missions Spotlight

Joel Sanford

*Hymn of Advent 98

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

SHEFFIELD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Noah Snyder

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Major Treadway

Prayer Response 96

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Offertory Prayer

Melanie Simpson

Offertory

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

arr. Lau

*Response of Thanksgiving

Doxology

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Praise God who takes away our fear,
who breaks the might of sword and spear,
that hope and justice might increase
and life grow new in lasting peace! Amen.***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18–25

Brendan Dunn

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant
and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Advent 91*My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*

WALNUT

Musical Offering*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Hayes

Kaylin Hartsock, solo; Worship Ensemble

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine.

Love came down at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

Love was born at Christmas
in a simple cattle stall.

Love is born this Christmas
in the hearts of one and all.

Love be our example,
love be yours and love be mine;
love for one another
with the love of God divine.

Sermon *Sensing Advent: Seeing Love* Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Keveren

***Hymn of Calling and Departing 80 (verse 4 only)**

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

BAUGH

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

 **First Baptist Church**
JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE

**Christmas Eve
Service**

December 24 @ 5:00 pm

1610 Russell Avenue, Jefferson City
www.fbcjeff.org | 865-475-3826 | help@fbcjeff.org

**The church office will be
CLOSED
December 24-26**

*We hope you enjoy gathering
with beloved family and friends.*

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JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, December 21

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, December 22

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, December 23

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, December 24—Church Office Closed

5:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25—Church Office Closed

Friday, December 26—Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, December 28, 2025:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;

Hebrews 2:10-18; John 1:1-14

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Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, “Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ.”

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December 21-December 27, 2025

Leon Shoemaker/Jim Wilson/Nenette Measels

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We are glad that you are here!

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

You can also scan the code to submit a prayer request or let us know that you are interested in membership at First Baptist. Response cards and offering envelopes are also available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.