

We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.**

Lighting the Candle of Hope Thomas Bass, narrator
The Dunn family—Brendan, Sarah, Caleb and Noah

Missions Spotlight Jean Love

***Hymn of Preparation 83**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

(Parents, please escort your preschoolers to their classroom.)

WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS

Reading Bethany Davenport

We now hang greenery representing the hope of eternal life and the unchanging nature of God. Wreaths symbolize the never-ending love of God and the circle of life. Poinsettias festively display the colors of the season.

Hymn of Hope 95 (verses 1,2,3 only)

Prepare the Royal Highway BERENDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Pastoral Prayer Chad Hartsock

Hymn 80 (verse 1 only)

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love BAUGH

TREES AND CHRISMONS

Reading Bethany Davenport

Hang symbols and signs of Christ—ruler, prophet, priest.
Hang stars, crosses, triangles, the “alpha” and the “omega” to remind us of his identity, his story, and of the holy Trinity.

Musical Offering

O Jesu Sweet, O Jesu Mild arr. Smith
Angie France, organ; Melanie Simpson, piano

NATIVITY

Reading Bethany Davenport

In humility Jesus gave up the wealth of heaven to come to the poverty of this world. In the same way, the good news of the birth of the Savior was first announced, not to royalty or to the wealthy, but to humble shepherds in the fields outside Jerusalem.

Hymn 81

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

Musical Offering

Advent Hymn arr. Martin

Worship Ensemble; Cary Bible, guitar;
Cameron Rowlett, drums

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the everlasting light,
the Son of righteousness, arise,
and triumph o'er these shades of night.

Come, Thou long awaited One,
in the fullness of Your love,
and loose this heart bound up by shame,
and I will never be the same.

Chorus

So here I wait in hope of You,
all my soul's longing, through and through.
Dayspring, from on high be near,
and Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
until Your love in me is born,
and joyless is the evening song
until Emmanuel has come. [Chorus x2]

Offertory Prayer Ken Morton

Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Sorenson

***Response of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Luti/OLD 100th

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 Isaiah 2:1-5 Carolyn Blevins

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!

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

Sermon

Sensing Advent: Smelling Hope Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

When I Think Upon Christmas arr. Raney

***Hymn of Commitment and Departing 80 (verse 1 only)**

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Benediction Major Treadway

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

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, November 30

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, December 1

6:00pm Worship Team Christmas Gathering/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, December 2

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, December 3

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm WNS (Soup)/Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103

6:00pm Budget Discussion with Ricke Hester/Music Suite

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

Thursday, December 4

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, December 5 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, December 7, 2025:
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
First Sunday in Advent**

November 30, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Introduction to the Season of Advent/Invocation
Major Treadway

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Moglebust

Handbells: Julia Bass, Thomas 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

Thomas Bass

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Advent is a time to renew our determination.