



# First Baptist Church

JEFFERSON CITY TENNESSEE



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

10:45am

### Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

### Prelude

*See Amid the Winter's Snow*

arr. Forrest

Melanie Simpson, piano; Angie France, organ

### Advent Wreath Lighting

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

Wesley/Rainey

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

Kristi Sanford and Susan Garber, handbells

### Responsive Litany

Cyndi Harrell

Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

**With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

**With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

**With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

**With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.\*\***

### Lighting the Candle of Joy

Cyndi Harrell, narrator

Jean-Lites, Shirley, and Sarah Thomas

**Musical Offerings**

Music Makers

Children: Xander Coyne, Harper Key, Orion Long,  
Cager, Madi, and Micah Miller,  
Andrew and Moses Treadway

Director: Pam Hester

Helpers: Julia Bass, Donna Dobyys, Angie France, Susan Garber

*Ring the Bells (It's Christmastime)*

Craine/Klein

Madi Miller and Harper Key, soloists

Kaylin Hartsock and Addison Snyder, handbells

*Behold That Star*

arr. Mayo

Moses Treadway, Orion Long, and Andrew Treadway, soloists

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

**Missions Spotlight**

Karen Treadway

**\*Hymn of Advent 85**

*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*

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**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Natalie Bible

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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*

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**Offertory Prayer**

Annette Stooksbury

**Offertory**

*Joseph's Lullaby*

arr. Bober

**\*Response of Thanksgiving**     *Doxology*     Luti/OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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 11:2-11

Cary Bible

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,  
he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you  
the one who is to come, or are we to wait for  
another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what  
you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame  
walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf  
hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news  
brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no  
offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’  
“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

### **Musical Offering**

*Alleluia for Advent*

Parker/Lantz III

Worship Ensemble

#### Chorus 1

Alleluia, Christ is coming!

Alleluia, all the earth!

Alleluia, lift your voices!

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate Messiah’s birth.

Alleluia, thank the Father!

Alleluia, we will sing,

alleluias echo ‘round us!

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the coming King!

#### Chorus 2

When we see Him, we will worship,

all creation shout as one.

All creation dancing and singing

alleluia, alleluia to God’s Son!

Repeat Chorus 1

Repeat Chorus 2

Repeat Chorus 1

Christ is coming!

Celebrate Messiah’s birth! Alleluia!

**Sermon**     *Sensing Advent: Hearing Joy*

Major Treadway

### **Time of Reflection and Response**

*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*

arr. Hildebrand

**\*Hymn of Calling and Departing 80 (verse 3 only)**

*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

BAUGH

**\*Benediction**

Major Treadway

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

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***The Coming Week at FBC***

***Sunday, December 14***

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

***Monday, December 15***

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

***Tuesday, December 16***

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

***Wednesday, December 17***

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

6:00pm Christmas Hymn Sing/Music Suite

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

***Thursday, December 18***

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

***Friday, December 19 - Church Office Closed***

Readings for next Sunday, December 21, 2025:  
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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## ***Welcome to First Baptist Church!***

**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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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Angie France, Organist

Cyndi Harrell, Ministry Assistant

Dr. Chad Hartsock, Minister for Students

Rev. Nnette Measels, Minister of Music and Worship

Cameron Rowlett, Video Editor

Melanie Simpson, Pianist

Karen Treadway, Administrative Coordinator

Dr. Major Treadway, Senior Pastor

### **Deacons & Minister of the Week:**

**December 14-December 20, 2025**

Carolyn Blevins/Betty Watkins/Chad Hartsock

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, Closed on Friday

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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.