

Announcements

Book Club

Join with the members of the Faith in Fiction Book Club tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor as they review and discuss Andrew Klavan's book, *When Christmas Comes*.

Blue Christmas Service – Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 PM

Blue Christmas Worship is a special time of reflection designed for those who are experiencing grief, sadness, or loneliness during this Christmas season. If you know of someone who could benefit from the service, please invite them to attend.

Angel Tree

Our Board of Missions is partnering with PruittHealth-Union Pointe in a Loving Beyond ministry. An "Angel Tree" is in the Gathering Area. Please choose an Angel ornament, and then write your name beside the resident on the sign up sheet. At least two items should be purchased from the resident's list, but more or all items can be donated. Return the items wrapped and placed in a garbage bag with the Angel Tag attached by Wednesday, December 14. The Christmas gifts will be delivered by Santa and his elves on December 22.

Christmas Eve

Join us on Christmas Eve for worship, featuring the Christmas Story through scripture and song, as well as communion. Invite someone to attend with you.

Holiday Worship

On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, there will be morning worship only, with no Bible Fellowship classes.



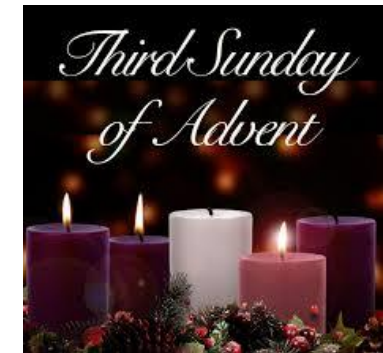
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The Worship of God



December 11, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Mary will soon bear a Savior! Emmanuel, God With Us ... Jesus. The One Who Saves. God comes to us as one of us, becoming vulnerable as all of us, to love us. Know that you are loved, just as you are, wholly and completely you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ. Know God's love in your life and share this love with one another!

Words of Welcome

Dr. Chris Dawson

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, you are invited to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to worship at First Baptist Church.

Call to Worship

Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Gives Praise & Prayers to God

+ Centering Music

Hymn No. 106

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (Sing 3 times)

HEARN

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Joy

+ Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 146

"Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

ANTIOCH

Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 35: 1-10

Sheila London

Sharing Prayer Concerns Sheila London

A Moment of Prayer Church Family

Prayer for the People Sheila London

The Lord’s Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ **Hymn of Assurance** Hymn No. 155

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

Children Age 3-K are invited to leave for Children’s Worship

Anthem Chancel Choir

“Angels’ Carol” by John Rutter

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Matthew 11: 2-11 Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 712

“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy” HANOVER

+ **Stewardship of Tithing and Fellowship**

+ **Musical Benediction**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **Closing Voluntary** Beth Adams

Ministers

All who follow Jesus

Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*

Beth Adams, *Accompanist*

Marsha Sexton, *Business Manager*

Kathy Cole, *Ministry Coordinator*

Alyssa Metze, *Weekday Preschool Director*

Madison Frank, *Music Intern*



Vision Statement

First Baptist Church Monroe exists to
Love God, Love Within, and Love Beyond



A Glance of our Financial Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 6,780
Budget Receipts December 4, 2022.....	\$ 5,001
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 92,619
Expenses to Date	\$ 79,019



This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Trevor Dawson

Nursery – Debby McBride

Ushers – Ken and Ann Handy, Tim McBride

Worship Leader – Sheila London

Children’s Worship Leader – Denise Hopper

Money Counter – Harvey Whitley

Prayer Concerns

Pauline Funderburk

Dr. Gene Cook

Marsha Sexton

Luke Brantley, grandson of Crystal Brantley

Hailey Rice, family member of Carol Findley

Laurence Bivens, father of Melody Hawkins

Albert Clifton, uncle of Mike Knight

Becky Shue, sister-in-law of Joyce Forbes

Mike Starkey brother of Fred Starkey

Jimmy Totty, brother of Stewart Totty

Mike McBride, brother of Tim McBride

Anita Johnson, friend of Carol Findley

Emma Hemphill

Daniel Mackay, brother of Jonathan Mackay

The leaders/people of Ukraine and Russia, for peace to replace war



Church Calendar

Sunday, December 11

9:30 am Bible Fellowship Classes – *Rooms 214 / 318*

10:30 am Morning Worship – *Sanctuary/Facebook*

Monday, December 12

6:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 pm Board of Trustees – *Conference Room*

