

Announcements

Christmas Caroling

Members of the Metamorphosis Class invite you to join them for Christmas Caroling tomorrow. Please meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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 18, 2022 at Ten-thirty in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Almighty God, Light of the World, caused light to shine out of darkness. He constantly opens to us the ways we are to prepare for the coming of His Son, Jesus. Let us open our eyes to the light and walk in his ways. May the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service.

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 – Love

+ Hymn of Praise

Hymn No. 173

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 7: 10-16

Harvey Whitley

Sharing Prayer Concerns Harvey Whitley

A Moment of Prayer Church Family

Prayer for the People Harvey Whitley

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. 147

“Away In a Manger” AWAY IN A MANGER

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

Anthem Chancel Choir

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” by The Sewanee Composer’s Project

Greet Stranger, Neighbor and Friend

The Community Receives God’s Word

Sermon Text – Matthew 1: 18-25 Dr. Chris Dawson

Sermon Dr. Chris Dawson

Prayer Dr. Chris Dawson

The Community Responds to God’s Call

+ **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 153

“Love Came Down at Christmas” GLORIA

+ **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 11, 2022.....	\$ 11,499
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 108,864
Expenses to Date	\$ 94,277



This Week’s Committees

Livestreaming Equipment - Carolyn White

Nursery – Sara Cowan

Ushers – Tom and Ruby Coffey, Don Haver, Dannie Tuggle

Worship Leader – Harvey Whitley

Children’s Worship Leader – Ann Handy

Money Counter – Patti Duncan

Prayer Concerns

Carol and Sylvia Baker

Pauline Funderburk

Dr. Gene Cook

Marsha Sexton

Luke Brantley, grandson of Crystal Brantley

Vicki Johnson, sister-in-law of Denise Hopper

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 18

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

10:30 am Morning Worship – Sanctuary/Facebook

Wednesday, December 21

6:30 pm Blue Christmas Service – Sanctuary

