

First Baptist Church



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Making Connections that Make a Difference

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 2, 2018

11:00 AM

Opportunities for Service

Rev. Shannon Hall

Prelude

I Cannot Tell (Londonderry Air)

arr. Lasky

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship, should set His love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers, to bring them back,
they know not how or when. But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
when Bethl'hem's manger was His only home. And that He lived at Nazareth
and labored, and so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

Call to Worship

Shine on Us
Choir and Congregation

arr. Greer

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your light shine on us.

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Greeting the Worshippers and Invocation

Rev. Chris Howe

*Hymn of Advent *View the Present Through the Promise* AR HYD Y NOS, alt.

View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing
In the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving
Be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.

The Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

The Advent Reading

Benny and Carol Brooks

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Advent Song

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
Choir and Congregation

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
Light of Your Hope reflected in me.

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Children's Message Rev. Chris Howe

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:21-24

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Howe

*Offertory Hymn 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Offertory Prayer Chuck Granger

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Hayes

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem *Lament* arr. Duren
Chancel Choir

Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me.
This I recall to mind. This I recall to mind.

Therefore I have this hope. The Lord's mercies never cease.

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Scripture Luke 2:1-5 page 1090 in pew bible

Sermon *A Reliable Source of Hope* Rev. Chris Howe

*Hymn of Commitment 407 *Because He Lives* RESURRECTION

*Benediction Rev. Chris Howe

*Choral Response *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*
Choir and Congregation

Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

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Postlude *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Pethel

*Please stand as you are able

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We share the love of Christ through missions and ministry.

Church Calendar – December 2 through December 9, 2018

Sunday, December 2

9:30 am Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 Hanging of the Green

Monday, December 3

6:30 pm AIM, Ministry Center

Tuesday, December 4

10:0 am FOM, Ministry Center
6:00 Properties Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 pm Chancel Choir
Midweek Bible Study will resume January 16th

Thursday, December 6

10:00 am Rebekah Sunday School Class Christmas Party, Ministry Center

Saturday, December 8

11:30 am Starfish Ministry, Team 1

Sunday, December 9

9:30 am Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
11:00 am Worship Service, Church Conference following service
Handbell Rehearsal following worship
4:00 pm Children & Youth to Peak Resources
5:00 – 7:00 pm Children, Youth & Families Christmas Party, Ministry Center

Week of December 2

Deacon of the Week

Gale Miller

Nursery Volunteers

Robin Self & Gwen Sharpe

Month of December

Greeters

Dina Grinstead & Lionell Johnson

Usher Captains

Brewer Roberts & Vernon Taylor

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Rev. Shannon Hall, Associate Pastor of Music & Family Ministries

Ann Holt, Organist,

Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant