

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

10:45 AM Worship Service

Tune in to 104.5 FM for our worship service at 10:45 AM or use the links below for our live stream!

On FBCG Facebook page, at this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchofGraham>

On FBCG Website, at this link:  
<https://fbcgraham.org/sermons-services/>

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

11:00 AM Starfish Team 2 (Take-Out Only)



## WMU POST OFFICE

The Missions Post Office is open for the Christmas season! It is located in the main hallway. You are invited to use our post office to "mail" Christmas cards to church members, and then add to your CBF Global Mission Offering what you would have spent in postage. We ask that if you plan to give Christmas cards to our homebound members, or those in assisted living, please send them through the U.S. mail. Thank you for supporting our missionaries as they share God's love around the world! The names and addresses of our members that are in assisted living can be found on the weekly prayer list. If you need an address for our homebound contact the church office, 336-226-7395.

## Online Giving

is simple and easy!

Visit our website, [www.fbcgraham.org](http://www.fbcgraham.org) and click the "GIVE" button to give your tithes and offerings online.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### Tithes & Offerings Needed

Weekly \$5,261 Monthly \$22,796

#### Tithes & Offerings Received

November 7, 2021	\$8,333
November 14, 2021	\$4,495
November 21, 2021	\$5,456
November 28, 2021	<u>\$3,670</u>
	\$21,954
November Deficit	<b>-\$842</b>

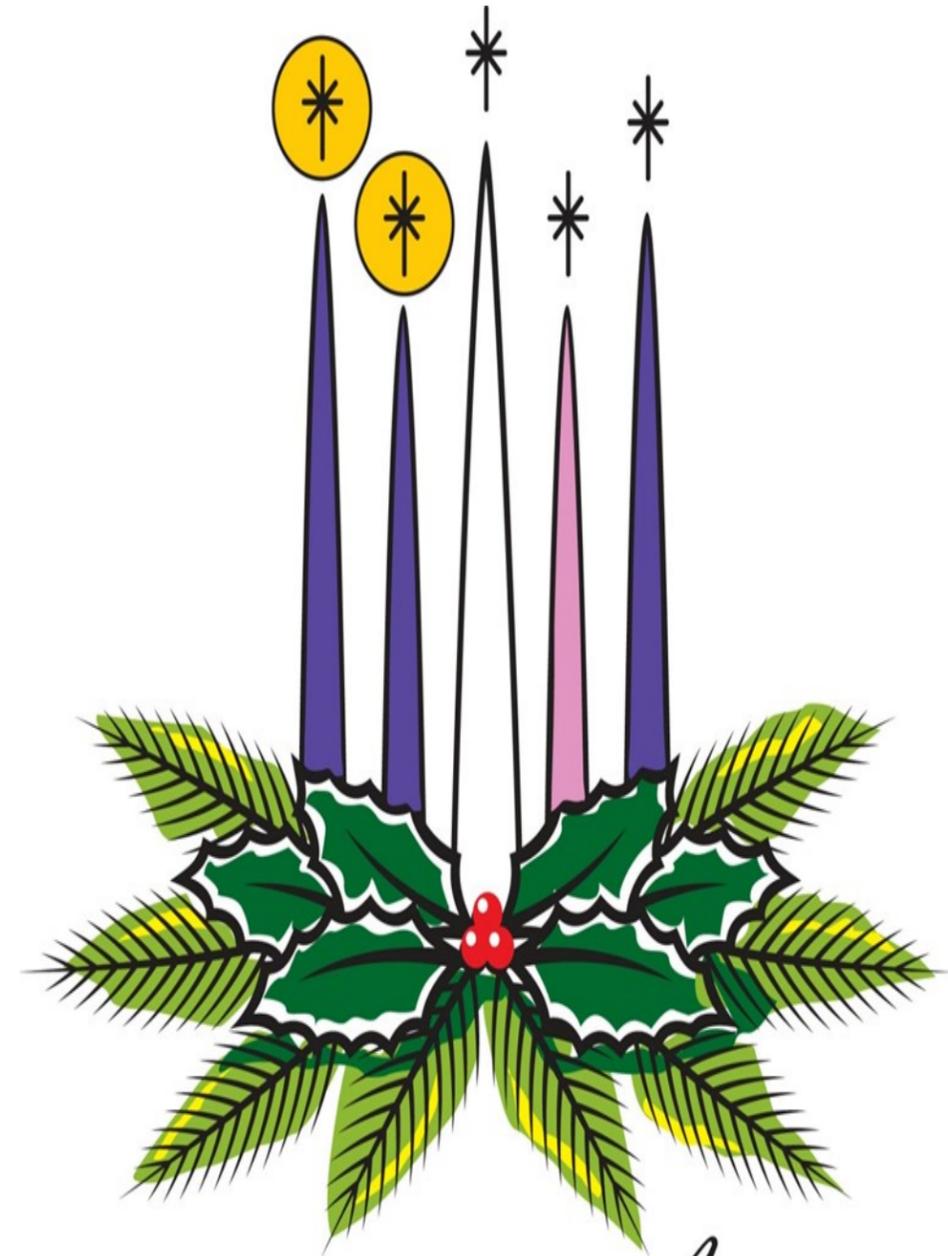
# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Deacon of the week this week:** Earl Foster  
**Deacon of the week next week:** Jerome Naylor  
**Greeter of the month:** Jerome Naylor  
**Usher Captains of the month:** Jim Euliss & Butch Farrell

### LYDIA'S CLOSET



The Missions Team has recently been working to reorganize and restock Lydia's Closet. During this work, they have discovered two very specific needs. The closet is very low on men's gently used clothing. Pants, shirts, shoes, and coats. Please make sure the clothes do not have stains or holes in them. We also need clothes hangers so that the garments can be neatly hung in the closet. If you have access to either of these items, you can leave them in the shopping cart in the main hallway. If you are unable to transport the items, we will be happy to pick them up. Thank you all for your heart for missions and your desire to serve the community.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

## First Baptist Church

Making Connections that Make a Difference

### CHURCH STAFF

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# First Baptist Church of Graham

December 5, 2021

10:45 AM

**Prelude** *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Innes  
Ann Holt, organ

“What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.”

**Call to Worship** John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
**And the Word was God.**  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through Him.  
**And without Him not one thing came into being.**  
What has come into being in Him was life,  
**And the life was the light of all people.**  
The light shines in the darkness,  
**And the darkness did not overcome it.**

BEACH SPRING

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.  
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within:  
Seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse's stem!  
Like the soil beneath the frostline, hearts grow soft to welcome Him.  
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**Greeting and Invocation** Rev. Chris Howe

**Hymn of Advent** CAROL  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,”  
From heav'n's all-gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

All ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

**Children's Message** Rev. Chris Howe

**Special Presentation**

**Advent Celebration** arr. McDonald & Larson  
*Christmas Gloria*

(with *Angels We Have Heard on High and Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*)  
Ann Holt and Shannon Hall

**The Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent**  
The Advent Reading Sam Siler and Ida Kleiner  
The Lighting of the Candle of Peace

**Advent Prayer** Rev. Chris Howe

**Advent Song** *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love* BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
Light of Your **peace**, reflected in me.

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**Old Testament Text** Malachi 3:1-4 Ronda Howe

**Instrumental Meditation** *Tidings of Joy* arr. Larson  
(with *Ding Dong! Merrily on High, Ukrainian Bell Carol,*  
*and God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*)  
Ann Holt & Shannon Hall

**Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**New Testament Text** Luke 1:67-79

**Message** *The Gift of Silence* Rev. Chris Howe

**Hymn of Commitment** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Chorus**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Chorus**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Chorus**

**Benediction** Rev. Chris Howe

**Choral Response** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

**Postlude** *Angels We Have Heard On High* Lau  
Ann Holt, organ