First Baptist Church of Graham

December 31, 2023

11:00 AM

Prelude Christmas Gloria arr. McDonald

Ann Holt, organ, Catherine Parker, piano

*Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His Sanctuary.

Choral Response 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Welcome and Invocation

Rev.Dr. Jerry Harper

Hymn of Praise 87 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

Verses 1, 3, 4

Children's Message

Mary Faucette

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Nancy Harper

Offertory Hymn 91

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

All verses

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jerry Harper

Offertory

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Ann Holt, organ

Southbridge

*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.

Anthem

The Shepherd's Pipe Carol
Directed by Noah Tyre, Minister of Music

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New Testament Text

Luke 2:8-20

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Dr. Jerry Harper

It's After Christmas... What Now?

Hymn of Commitment 95

Go Tell It On The Mountain
All verses

GO TELL IT

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jerry Harper

Choral Response 102 The Birthday of a King

Alleluia! O how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.

Postlude

Hear the Glad News, The Savior Is Born Ann Holt, organ

Price

*Please stand as you are able

Memory Verse

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child, then also an heir through God. (Galatians 4:7)

As a community of faith, we share the love of Christ through missions and ministry.

Welcome to First Baptist Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are a first-time guest, we want to say a special welcome to you. Please complete one of the Welcome Cards located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate. This will give us the opportunity to connect with you and get to know you better. Thanks again for coming! May you experience the joy of the Lord as you worship here this morning. If you have young children, worship bags for children are available in the vestibule.

THANK YOU!

The response to our Reverse Advent Calendar has been amazing.

Hundreds of pounds of canned foods, pasta, cereal, and other necessities were donated during our Christmas Eve Service. All the donations have been placed in our Mustard Seed Food Pantry and will be used to help food-insecure families in our community. Thank you for your willingness to help and for always stepping up when called upon to express the love of Christ to our community in a very tangible way.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Spirit of Christmas. Because of your generosity, two families and four children were provided a wonderful and joyful Christmas. Your willingness to serve and give not only provided gifts but it revealed the love of Christ in our community. Many thanks to Debbie Farrell, the Missions Team, and all who participated.



Boxed offering envelopes are available in the vestibule and in the main hallway.

150th FBCG Anniversary

We are currently in the process of planning for the 150th Anniversary of First Baptist Church Graham and we need copies of photographs that you may have. Please contact Cathy Phelps for more information at 336-214-2383 or cp.gff.mail@gmail.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

10:00 AM Mission In Faith, Ministry Center

NO Mid-Week Bible Study

NO Choir Practice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

11:30 AM Starfish, Team 1

Deacon of the week: Judy Henderson

Deacon of the week January 7th:

Debbie Farrell

Greeter of the month: Jerry Harper

Usher Captains of the month: Benny Brooks & Butch Farrell

Nursery December 31st: Debbie Farrell & Gwen Sharpe

Nursery January 7th: Brian Faucette & Berkley Faucette

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chris Howe, Pastor Ann Holt, Organist Steve Holt, IT Director Catherine Parker, Pianist Noah Tyre, Minister of Music Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant

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Online Giving

is simple and easy, and there is **No Cost to You!**

Visit our website www.fbcgraham.org and click on the "GIVE" button to give your tithes and offerings online. You can also give to most all designated funds online. (i.e. Community Ministry, Back Pack, Memorials, Starfish, etc.)

Tithes & Offerings Needed Weekly \$5,052 Monthly \$21,890 Tithes & Offerings Received December 3 \$3,552 December 10 \$3,884 December 17 \$2,839

\$10,149

December 24

December 31

STEWARDSHIP REPORT