

*Hymn 85 *The First Nowell*

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Walter Draughon

*Offertory Hymn 93 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Mission Moment Ben Ondrak

Offertory Prayer Ernie Sprouse

Offertory *Coventry Carol* Austin
First Baptist Church Handbell Choir

*The Doxology 253 OLD 100TH

**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.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Message *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Smart

Message Dr. Walter Draughon

"The Promise"

Luke 1:46b-55

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

*Hymn 106 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Congregational Blessing and Benediction Dr. Walter Draughon

Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Callahan

***Congregation Stands**



The candle burning this morning is in memory of

Dorothy "Dot" Summers Deal

June 30, 1927 – December 12, 2017

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46b-55; Pew Bible Page 1025

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their in most thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

Announcements

Deacon of the Week: Ernie Sprouse

- The Worship Team would like for the poinsettias to remain on display in the sanctuary for the Christmas Candlelight and Communion Service this evening. Special arrangements can be made if a poinsettia is needed earlier. Please see Nancy Hyde after the service.
- The church office will be CLOSED December 25-26 in observance of Christmas.
- There will be NO Wednesday night service December 27.
- The Hannah Sunday School class will be decorating the tree outside the sanctuary with hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for the needy. Donations are needed to help keep it stocked. If you would like to participate, donations may be dropped off in the Hannah classroom. This is a great opportunity to minister to those in need in our community.
- First Baptist Church has organized a CPR training course with Wallace Elliott at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 6 at 1718 Shelby St, Bristol, TN. We encourage all FBC members and guests who are interested in having a CPR certification to attend. To sign up, please contact the church office at 276-669-8191 by Friday, December 29.

*****This Week's Prayer for the Pastor Search Team*****

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5b

"... Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble and oppressed."

Prayer Prompt: Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor. Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future pastor.

For the Record December 17, 2017

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,373.00
Giving This Week	\$14,571.00
Giving This Week Last Year	\$28,968.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$465,533.00
Giving to Date	\$464,743.00
Giving to Date Last Year	\$469,283.00
Giving to Date vs. Budget Needs to Date	(\$790.00)
Capital Campaign Total Pledged	\$246,914.00
Capital Campaign- Giving to Date	\$158,493.00

Extended Session for December 31

Babies During Church
Tracey Talbert and Braden Talbert
Twos-Fives
Stephanie & Wally Elliott
Elementary-Aged Sunday School
Tabetha Palumbo and Emma Crussell
Elementary-Aged Children's Church
Tabetha Palumbo and Emma Crussell

We Invite You to Join our Church

- By coming forward at the invitation time following the sermon or
- By indicating your desire to join in the box provided below

- I would like to become a member of this church. (The pastor will contact you and answer any questions. He will also arrange the announcement of your desire for membership in a future service.)

Ways to become a member of our church

- By profession of faith in Christ and Baptism
- By transfer of your membership from another Baptist Church
- By statement of faith in Christ and previous Baptism

Our church welcomes all who would be a part of our faith family.

Calendar

Monday, December 25
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26
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Wednesday, December 27
No Services

Sunday, December 31
No Sunday School
Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 3
No Services

Sunday, January 7
Family Breakfast 9 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Party & Ice Skating 12 p.m.

Welcome to FBC!

Thanks for joining our worship today! Please take a moment to fill out the registration form below as we value your time with us. Detach the form and place it in the offering plate when it is passed, or give it to a greeter or minister.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

This is your Date: _____

- First time to attend
 Attend often

Age Range or School Grade of Family Members (please circle):

26-32 33-42 43-54 55 & up
Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 College

- Would you like to receive more information about FBC?
 Would you like a visit from one of our ministers?

Prayer Requests: _____

Welcome

We gladly welcome you to worship, and we pray that this service will be a time in which you experience the presence of the risen Christ.



Several portable audio headsets are available for use. These FM units allow you to receive sound directly from the speaker's microphone with clarity.

Children

While children are certainly welcome to sit with their parents in the service, childcare is provided for children ages birth through kindergarten. For elementary-age children, there is a designated time for children to come to the front of the sanctuary and listen to a children's message. Then they will have the option to go for "Children's Time," a program of worship/learning activities, or remain in the worship service with their family.

Also, children's activity sheets are available for all children who remain in the sanctuary. Just pick up a clipboard with the "Kids Bulletin" and pencil from the basket in the sanctuary foyer. When your child finishes the activity sheet, remove it, and return the clipboard to the foyer.

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To contact the church office or one of the ministers via email use the following email address: office@fbcbristol.org

First Baptist Church



December 24, 2017 11 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Mallory
First Baptist Church Handbell Choir

Welcome to Worship Ben Ondrak

*Song of Welcome *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

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

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer Ben Ondrak

*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in 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.*

ADVENT SEASON!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
A TIME OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION AND PREPARATION

One of the most beautiful symbols of the Advent season is that of the lighted candle. The lighted candle has always meant for us the special presence of Christ. During our Advent season, it has become customary in our church to use the Advent wreath as a sign of our watching and waiting in joyful hope of the coming of our Savior.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – the Candle of LOVE

Acolytes: Shawn, Megan, Abby, & Carter Kerr Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26