

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON			
Sunday, December 18	9:30	am	Coffee and Catch-Up
	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship, Children’s Drama
	3:00	pm	Christmas Caroling
Monday, December 19	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, December 20	6:00	pm	Deacons Meeting
Thursday, December 22	2:00	pm	Celebration of Life for Bob Lair
Saturday, December 24	5:00	pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25	11:00	am	Christmas Day Worship

Sing a Song of Christmas

Katie Benedict
Tilly Harris
Lucy McCallister

Badger Burrell
Rhys Jackson
Gabriel McKaig

Roselee Crawford
Bash McCallister
Allie Jane Thompson

Choir Directors: Kay Greene and Sarah Benedict

We welcome Elaine Grella as our flautist for today’s service.

The third Sunday of each month we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give as you exit today.

Join us for Christmas caroling at 3pm today. You may ride in a car, or the back of the truck (bring a blanket). We will finish up at El Sureño. Christmas sweaters, Santa hats and jingle bells are encouraged!

A celebration of the life of Bob Lair will be held Thursday, December 22 at First Baptist Church, Tryon. Special music including solos and duets will begin at 1:30pm and the worship will begin at 2pm. The service will be broadcast live on the First Baptist Tryon YouTube channel. There will be a reception following the service. The family requests attendees wear masks so all may enjoy Christmas with family and friends in good health. Masks will be available at the door.

No Sunday School on Christmas Day, 12/25 or New Year’s Day, 1/1.

Please turn in year-end contributions by Saturday, December 31.

Sign up for our weekly newsletter by phone (828) 859-5375, or email tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.



December 11, 2022

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 31,525	Capital Campaign	\$ 6,585
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,303	Kathy’s Kids	\$ 200
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$403,995		
YTD Plan Goal	\$415,150		

Total Received for Capital Campaign (through November) \$1,140,148
 Remaining balance on Construction Loan \$321,082.49

Welcome! We are grateful to worship with you today.
 If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God’s love through our worship and among our congregation. Nursery is provided during church for children ages 0-2, and Children’s Church is provided for children ages 3 to 5. Children’s Church begins after the Children’s Time.

December Mission Focus

Kathy’s Kids

Kathy’s Kids is a personal ministry designed to help needy children from Tryon Elementary School who may not receive a gift this year. You are invited to shop for a child by choosing a card with their name, and their information is on the front of the card. Gifts should be left unwrapped, and returned to the church no later than December 16 (before the children go on Christmas break). Becky Hudson will be in the Gathering Space with cards after worship. You are welcome to take more than one card if you choose. Thank you for your love and generosity on behalf of Kathy’s Kids.

GREETERS

Charles and Lib McKeller, Sanctuary Door
 Phil and Joyce Scoggins, Lobby Entrances

OFFERING

Keith Collins (Lead), Susan Smith, Lane Price, Beth McCallister

NURSERY WORKERS

Linda Fincher, Raye Dusenbury

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Jodi Harris

ACOLYTES

Badger Burrell, Roselee Crawford

DIACONATE

Shelvie Foust, Mason Jackson, Billy McFarland, Ellis Fincher Lane Price, Susan Smith, Rachel Hawkins, Phil Scoggins, Di Greene

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
 The Reverend Jim Hawkins, Minister of Music
 Jodi Harris, Minister of Education and Children

Kay Greene, Pianist
 E. Leslie Raymond, Organist
 John Spinks, Sexton

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DECEMBER 18, 2022

ELEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Baptist Church at Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Eleven O’clock

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

Welcome

Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Trinity Ring

John Spinks

Call to Worship

Jeff Harris

Wake us up, O Lord,
To the beauty and goodness that surround us.
Teach us patience and stillness, O Lord,
So that every heart may prepare Him room.
Guide us in your way of simplicity, O Lord,
As heaven and nature sing.

Voluntary

Christmas Joy
Elaine Grella, Flute

-arr. Raney

Lighting the Candle of Love

Jeanna Steele

As we light the candle of love, we pray for those who have never felt love, and for those who struggle to love others.
Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
Love never ends.

Choral Response 80

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 love, reflected in me.

Invocation

Phil Scoggins

†Hymn 127, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

Children’s Time

Jodi Harris

Kindergartners and preschoolers are invited to stay for the Children’s Drama.

Psalm 96

Alice Tennant

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Children’s Drama

-Ed Key, Rhonda Frazier

Sing a Song of Christmas

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O, Come AllYe Faithful/Joy to theWorld

Cradle Sing (Away in a Manger)

AngelsWe have Heard on High

We Three Kings

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Love Letters of Christmas

Sing a Song of Christmas (reprise)

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Tufenkjian

O Come, Little Children

†Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

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.

Meditation

Jeff Harris

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

-Forrest

Laura Spinks, Samuel Westover, Jim Hawkins

Elaine Grella, Flute

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Jeff Harris

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever.
Amen.

†Hymn 148

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.

Called Church Conference

Benediction

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Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

-Macchia

Please use this as a final opportunity for prayer as you head into the new week.

†Please stand if you are able.