

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and child!
 Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

†Hymn 102 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

†Benediction Jeff Harris

Postlude -Glyncannon

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

†Please stand if you are able.

Please join us in the Gathering Space after worship,
 for some light refreshments.

Acolytes: Rhys Jackson, Gabriel McKaig
 Greeters: Justin, Andrea, and Finley Lay—Gathering Space
 Phil and Joyce Scoggins—Sanctuary Doors

Tonight's offering will go to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry to
 help neighbors with fuel oil and heating costs. Thanks for helping
 our community stay warm this winter.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 25 11:00 am Worship
 Monday, December 26 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!
 Tuesday, December 27 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!
 Sunday, January 1 11:00 am Worship

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.

Men's Fellowship Meal January 4, 6pm in the Activity Building. \$10 for
 a tasty home cooked meal. Please sign up by October 2 on the infor-
 mation board in the new hallway.

Nathaniel Hill will present a guitar recital on January 8th at 6:00 PM in
 the First Baptist Tryon Gathering Space. Nathaniel, a native of Gaffney,
 SC, is currently a Sophomore at the Cleveland Institute of Music where
 he studies guitar with Grammy winner Jason Vieaux. He was the win-
 ner of numerous competitions throughout high school including the
 Appalachian State University guitar competition, the Southern guitar
 competition, and the Columbus State guitar competition. Nathaniel has
 a guest soloist with Piedmont Chamber Orchestra and the Asheville
 Symphony Orchestra.

December 18, 2022

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 24,930	Capital Campaign	\$ 24,485
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,303	Food Pantry	\$ 534
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$428,925	Ukraine Aid	\$ 250
YTD Plan Goal	\$423,465	Lottie Moon	\$ 20

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

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
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 Jodi Harris, Minister of Education and Children
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 24, 2022

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

CHRISTMAS EVE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022 Five o'clock

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Trinity Ring John Spinks

Solo *The Wexford Carol* -traditional Irish carol
Jim Hawkins

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

In the midst of despair,
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts.
**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the
ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.** Psalm 65:5

In the midst of violence,
God lights a candle of peace in our hearts.
**By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.** Luke 1:78-79

In the midst of sorrow,
God lights a candle of joy in our hearts.
**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** Psalm 95:1
In the midst of indifference,
God lights a candle of love in our hearts.
**But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us.** Romans 5:8

Voluntary *What Child is This?* GREENSLEEVES
Skip Williams, Guitar

Invocation Jodi Harris

Welcome Jeff Harris
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Merry Christmas!
Merry Christmas!

†Hymn 103 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting the Christ Candle
John and Laura Spinks, Cassi Rhodus

In the midst of darkness,
light comes into our hearts
through a baby born in a manger!
He is Emmanuel, Christ the Lord!
Hear the word of the Lord:
**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.

Anthem *All Is Well* -Smith
Gary and Sarah Benedict, Brad and Lynn Skelton

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Isaiah 9:2-7 Mason Jackson
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born o give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Impromptu Nativity

†Hymn 124 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath brought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Luke 2:1-14 Phil and Hilda Pleasants
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Quartet *Do You Hear What I Hear?* -arr. Simeone
Laura Spinks, Sam Westover, Jim Hawkins, Jacob Weaver

Sermon "Good News of Great Joy" Jeff Harris

Offering and Meditation Kay Greene

†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.*

Prayer and Silence Jeff Harris

Anthem *Angel Band* -Choplin

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Hymn 134 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT
Laura Spinks, guitar