

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON**

Sunday, December 25 11:00 am Worship (no Sunday School)  
 Monday, December 26 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!  
 Tuesday, December 27 Office Closed—Merry Christmas!  
 Sunday, January 1 11:00 am Worship (no Sunday School)

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 information board in the new hallway.

Nathaniel Hill will present a guitar recital on January 8th at 6:00 PM in the Tryon First Baptist Church 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 winner 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. Everyone is invited to attend this recital.

**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**

Phil and Hilda Pleasants, Sanctuary Door  
 Joe and Gigi Covil, Lobby Entrances

**OFFERING**

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

**NURSERY WORKERS**

Linda Fincher, Debbie Collins

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

Susan Smith

**ACOLYTES**

Cassi Rhodus, Allie Jane Thompson

**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

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John Spinks, Sexton

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 25, 2022

ELEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

CHRISTMAS DAY

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 or email tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.



**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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2022 Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering Leslie Raymond

Welcome Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Merry Christmas!  
**Merry Christmas!**

Trinity Ring John Spinks

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.

**Come adore on bended knee,  
one whose birth the angels sing.**

Come away, come away from your noisy celebration,  
to a place of quietness and peace.

**Come with wonder, come with awe.**

Take your place among sheep and cattle.

**Sing with joy, praise God,  
for the time of promise has come.**

Sing the good news of Emmanuel:

God-with-us!

The Christ has come!

**Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.**

Voluntary -arr. Lee

*Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*

Invocation Don Batts

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

Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

Children's Time Jodi Harris

Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the  
Children's Time.

Solo *Silent Night* Katie Benedict

RR Isaiah 9:2-7 Jodi Harris

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

**You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.**

For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.**

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

**The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Carols

Titus 2:11-14

Rick McCallister

Carols

Luke 2:1-20

Rachel Hawkins

Solo

*O Holy Night*  
Kim McFarland

-arr. Hayes

Sermon

“Truly He Taught Us . . .”

Jeff Harris

Offering and Meditation

-arr. Page

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child with Sheep May Safely Graze*

†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.*

Silence

Solo

*Noel*

-Tomlin

Jacob Weaver, Michal Westover

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 143

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

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

Benediction

Jeff Harris

Postlude

*The Holly and the Ivy*

-Biery

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

†Please stand if you are able.