

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 3	9:30 am	Coffee and Catch-Up
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Annual Christmas Meal, Sunnysdale
Monday, December 4	6:00 pm	House and Grounds Meeting
Tuesday, December 5	5:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 6	6:00 pm	Sisterhood, Gathering Space

We have hearing devices available for worship in the narthex.
Please ask a greeter for assistance.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent, HOPE Annual Christmas Meal, Sunnysdale, 5pm
Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent, PEACE Christmas Caroling, 3pm
Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent, JOY Lessons and Carols, 11am Choir & Handbell Party at Wendi's, 5pm Youth Christmas Party, 5pm
Dec 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent, LOVE No Sunday School Piano and Communion, 11am* *This service will last approximately 30 minutes Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
Dec 31	First Sunday of Christmas, 11am No Sunday School
Jan 7	Epiphany Sunday

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November 26, 2023

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 9,007	Capital Campaign	\$ 1235
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,322	Food Pantry	\$ 20
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$371,378	Blessing Box	\$ 20
YTD Plan Goal	\$399,456		

Total Received for Capital Campaign (through November) \$1,210,978.87
Remaining balance on Construction Loan \$227,697.04

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. Light refreshments are available in the Gathering Space after worship.

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 10 (before the children go on Christmas break). If you'd like to support the mission but don't wish to shop for a child, you may make a donation with Kathy's Kids in the memo. Thank you for your love and generosity on behalf of Kathy's Kids.

GREETERS

Hugh and Marjorie Porter, Sanctuary Door
Joe and Gigi Covil, Lobby Entrances

OFFERING

Keith Collins (Lead Deacon), Susan Smith
Di Greene, Ellis Fincher Jr.

NURSERY WORKERS

Casey Harris and Sharon Mitchell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Susan Smith

ACOLYTES

Badger Burrell and Allie Jane Thompson

DIACONATE

Ellis Fincher Jr., Lane Price, Susan Smith, Di Greene, Rachel Hawkins,
Phil Scoggins, Justin Lay, Beth McCallister, Alice Tennant

CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Jeff C. Harris, Pastor
Wendi Arms, Minister of Music
Kay Greene, Pianist
E. Leslie Raymond, Organist
John Spinks, Sexton

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 3, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023 Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Welcome and Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Trinity Ring John Spinks

Call to Worship Jeff Harris
O come, Thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**
Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled!
**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

Voluntary *How Far Is It to Bethlehem?* -Hayes/Wagner

Lighting the Candle of Hope
Joey, Sarah, and Olivia Downey

†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 hope, reflected in me.

Invocation Hugh Porter

†Hymn 79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

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

Isaiah 64:1-9 Di Greene
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
**as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!**
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
**From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.**
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
**But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.**
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
**We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.**
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
**for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.**
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
**Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.**

Children's Choir *Light One Candle* -Sleeth

1 Corinthians 1:3-9, p. 127 Joyce Scoggins
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 13:29-37, p. 39 JT Johnson
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Who Would Send a Baby?* Beall, arr. Carter

Sermon "Keep Advent Weird" Jeff Harris

Meditation and Offertory -arr. Schram
The Father's Love Blooming

†Advent Doxology THE FIRST NOWELL
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.*

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 96 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
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

†Choral Response 120 *Emmanuel* MCGEE

Postlude *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland* -Bach
(Savior of the Heathen, Come)

†Please stand if you are able.

The Annual Christmas Meal
is tonight at 5pm at Sunnydale in Tryon. The Social Team will
provide meat, bread, and beverages. Please bring generous
servings of sides, salads, or desserts.