

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 17	9:30 am	Coffee and Catch-Up
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship, Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 18	6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Gathering Space
Tuesday, December 19	5:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 20	5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

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.

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

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent, JOY Lessons and Carols, 11am Choir & Handbell Party at Wendi's, 5pm Youth Christmas Party, 5pm
Dec 20	Christmas Caroling, 5-6:30pm Dinner at El Sureno to follow
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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December 10, 2023

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 13,660	Capital Campaign	\$19,485
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,322	Carter Scholarship	\$ 625
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$395,679	Blessing Box	\$ 50
YTD Plan Goal	\$416,100	Lottie Moon	\$ 150

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 Missions

Thank you for supporting our three December missions. We were able to fill 75 boxes for Samaritan's Purse, provide gifts for 24 Angel Tree recipients, and as a result of your generous giving and shopping for Kathy's Kids, approximately 40 children in Polk County were given presents. We're also grateful to the WMU who supported the Meeting Place with gifts for seniors, and for our Visitation Team who took gifts to our shut-ins. Your gifts helped to provide joy and love to our community. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

GREETERS

Douglas and Lindel Henderson, Sanctuary Door
Charles and Lib McKeller, Lobby Entrances

OFFERING

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

NURSERY WORKERS

Peggy Edwards and Raye Dusenbury

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Margaret Richardson

ACOLYTES

Susanna Hodge and Rhys Jackson

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
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John Spinks, Sexton

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TRYON, NC**



DECEMBER 17, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023 Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering Alex Tapp

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

Trinity Ring John Spinks

Prelude *Come, Behold the Newborn King* -Osman

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!**

Quintet *That Little Baby*
Wilkinson /arr. Speck, Goss, Zaloudik
Mona Kimble, Paula Edwards, Laura Spinks,
Alex Tapp, Jim Hawkins

Invocation Jodi Harris

†Carol 103, v. 1,3,4 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS
Children are invited to come forward after the last stanza.

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

Lighting the Candle of Joy Jim and Rachel Hawkins

†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 joy, reflected in me.

Meditation and Offertory Alex Tapp, Leslie Raymond
Silent Night /Joy to the World -Stevens

†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.

Lessons and Carols

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-19 Hilda Pleasants
God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

†Carol 79, v. 1, 4 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 Tilly Harris
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Anthem *One Small Child* Meece/arr. Larson

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Tommy Richardson
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Anthem *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Chancel Choir
Regney/Shayne/arr. Simeone

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9 Reva Williams
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

†Carol 107, v. 1, 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-33 Alice Tennant
The angel Gabriel announces the coming of Christ to the Virgin Mary.

Anthem *What Shall We Call Our King?* Children's Choir
Traditional/arr. Mayo, Bailey

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Badger Burrell
St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Anthem *Mary, Did You Know?* Chancel Choir

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16 Rachel Hawkins
The shepherds go to the manger.

Anthem *Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow* Chancel Choir
Traditional Spiritual/arr. Rentz

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Tradd Hodge
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Anthem *Star of Bethlehem* Worley/Vale
Sara Benedict, solo with Children's Choir

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 Phil Scoggins
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

†Carol 134, v. 1 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT
Micah Arms, Soloist

Benediction Jeff Harris

Anthem *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* Trad./arr. Carter
Micah Arms, Wendi Arms, and Jim Hawkins, soloists

†Please stand if you are able.

Handbell Choir: Paula Edwards, Jodi Harris, Rachel Hawkins, Margaret
Richardson, Susan Smith, Laura Spinks, Alex Tapp, Alice Tennant

Children's Choir: Roselee Crawford, Badger Burrell, Leah Burrell, Luna
Baughman, Susanna Hodge, Tilly Harris, Katie Benedict, Allie Jane
Thompson, and Rhys Jackson

Chancel Choir: Becky Hudson, Paula Edwards, Sarah Benedict, Alice Tennant,
Mona Kimble, Debby Covil, Kim McFarland, Joan McKeown, Sadie McKaig,
Casi Burrell, Rachel Hawkins, Carol Hickey, Laura Spinks, Terry Bishop, Dan
Kimble, Don Batts, Phil Edwards, Alex Tapp, Micah Arms, and Jim Hawkins