THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST TRYON

Sunday, December 24			No Sunday School
•	11:00	am	Worship, Piano and Communion
	5:00	pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Monday, December 25		•	Office Closed—Merry Christmas
Tuesday, December 26			Office Closed—Merry Christmas
			No Bell Choir Rehearsal
			No Chancel Choir Reherasal

We have hearing devices available for worship in the narthex.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

We use gluten-free wafers for communion.

We will not collect an offering this morning, but offering plates will be sitting out if you wish to contribute as you exit.

Quarterly Church Conference on December 31, immediately following worship.

Please have all year-end contributions to the church office by noon on Sunday, December 31.

Men's Fellowship Meal January 10, 6pm in the Activity Building. \$10 for a tasty home-cooked meal. Please sign up by January 7 on the information board in the hallway.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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 17, 2023

Weekly Ministry Plan Giving	\$ 19,285	Capital Campaign	\$	5185
Weekly Ministry Plan Goal	\$ 8,322	Food Pantry	\$	442
YTD Ministry Plan Giving	\$414,964	Lottie Moon	\$	200
YTD Plan Goal	\$424,422	Carter Scholarship	\$	325
		Choir	·	1000

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.

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

Phil and Joyce Scoggins, Sanctuary Door Justin and Andrea Lay, Lobby Entrances

OFFERING

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Casi Burrell

ACOLYTES

Tilly Harris and Jack Baughman

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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TRYON, NC



DECEMBER 24, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

Eleven O'clock

Music for Gathering

Kay Greene

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

And also with you.

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Trinity Ring

John Spinks

Call to Worship

Jeff Harris

O come, Thou Dayspring,

come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.

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, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Voluntary Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

-Lee

BAUGH

Lighting the Candle of Love

Jeff, Jodi, Harper, Simms and Tilly Harris

Choral Response 80 Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

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 Feagan

†Carol 122 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.

Luke 1:26-38, p. 43
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation Of the Father's Love Begotten

Titus 2:11-14, p. 167

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation I Wonder as I Wander

-Norian

-Lee

John Spinks

Keith Collins

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Friends, let us love one another because love is from God,

And everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Those who do not love,

do not know God because God is love.

The love of God is made visible among us in this way:

God's only son was sent in to the world so that we might live through him.

This is the way of love:

Not that we have loved God

But that God has loved us,

And sent God's son to wipe away our sins. 1 John 4:7-10

Silence

Solo

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:9a

Jeff Harris

If we confess our sins,

he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Harris

Away in a Manger

-Hayes

Wendi Arms, soloist

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Come to the table by the center aisle, take a wafer, dip it in the cup, partake of it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Meditation I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day -Berry

†Carol 114 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM 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 Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

†Please stand if you are able.

-arr. Larson