

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 Rehearsal

There is a nursery provided this evening.

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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec 31 First Sunday of Christmas, 11am
 No Sunday School
 Jan 7 Epiphany Sunday

Sign up for our weekly newsletter by phone (828) 859-5375, or email tryonfirstbaptist@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.



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 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 tonight.

If you are a guest, we hope you will experience God's love through our worship and among our congregation.

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.

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 24, 2023

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

CHRISTMAS EVE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023 Five 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.
Merry Christmas!
Merry Christmas!

Trinity Ring John Spinks

Handbell Choir *Angel Medley* -Osman

Call to Worship Jeff Harris
O come, Thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
**Sing the good news of Emmanuel:
God-with-us! The Christ has come!**
Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
**Sing the good news of Emmanuel:
God-with-us! The Christ has come!**
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled!
**Sing the good news of Emmanuel:
God-with-us! The Christ has come!**

Voluntary *People, Look East (Besançon)* -Lau

Invocation Ellie Baughman

†Carol 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
Brad, Hannah, and Roselee Crawford

Solo *O Holy Night* -arr. Hayes
Kim McFarland, Soloist

Isaiah 9:2-7, p. 494 Laura Spinks
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Carol 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."

†Carol 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.

Living Nativity, all children are invited to participate.
Luke 2:1-14, p. 44 Liam Jackson
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Solo *Away in a Manger* -Hayes
Wendi Arms, soloist

John 1:1-14, p. 70 Phil Scoggins
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* -Lau

Sermon "God and Sinners Reconciled" Jeff Harris

Offering and Meditation *Bethlehem Medley* -arr. Brantley

†Christmas 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 Jeff Harris

Sharing the Light of Christ

†Carol 134 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT
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.

†Carol 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 *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* -Glyncannon

†Please stand if you are able.