

Christmas Memorial Service

A Service of Hope and Light



First Baptist Church
7th & Walnut, Lumberton, NC
a community of faith

*FBC Lumberton is a community of faith
committed to living out the love of Christ
by serving God and all people.*



December 15, 2024
5:00 P.M.
in the Chapel of First Baptist Church

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Prelude Dr. Mark Andersen

Welcome and Introduction to the Service..... Rev. Doug Reedy

InvocationRev. Reedy

Opening Carol, No. 79 Congregation
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

Acknowledging Life's DifficultiesRev. Reedy
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Congregational ResponseRev. Reedy
based on Psalm 22

One: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, so far from the words of my
groaning?

**Many: O my God, I cry by day but You do not answer,
And by night, but I find no rest.**

One: In You, our ancestors trusted. They trusted and You delivered them.

**Many: It was You who brought me from the womb,
You who kept me safe on my mother's breast.
Since my mother bore me, You have been my God.**

One: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**Many: God does not ignore the suffering of the needy.
God does not hide from me.
When I cry to God, God hears me.
Thanks be to God.**

Scripture of Hope..... Rev. Josh Owens
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Lighting Candles of Hope
It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Come to the light.

Carol, No. 85Congregation
O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

Scripture of LightRev. Owens
John 1:1-14

HomilyRev. Owens

We RememberRev. Owens

Hymn of Hope, No. 223Congregation
O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Prayer of Ardent HopeRev. Owens

**All: Another day will come, O God.
I know not what it may bring forth, but make me ready, God,
for whatever it may be.
If I am to stand up, help me stand bravely.
If I am to sit still, help me sit quietly.
If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently.
And if I am to do nothing, help me do it gallantly.
Make these words more than words,
and give me the Spirit of thy Peace. Amen.**

Benediction.....Rev. Owens

May Jesus, the life—the life that is light for all people — shine in your heart.
No matter how small, no matter how dim, that light will stubbornly shine. And
the darkness will not overcome it. Go in peace, with courage to face the
coming days with hope, with God by your side. Amen.

Postlude Dr. Andersen