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GIVING

## Servants this Sunday

Please enter at the Sanctuary vestibule for Worship.

9:30 Sunday School —

Entrance Greeters 9:00-9:30 am

6th Street Ramp (Handicap) — Shirley Hickman

ECM Entrance (Handicap) — Brenda & James Britt

10:30 Worship —

Entrance Greeters 10:00-11:30 am

Vestibule — Sue O'Tuel

Nursery-age children are invited to attend the full-service today.

Extended Session — Kim Gore

## Restrooms

Ladies restrooms are located outside of the organ-side of the Sanctuary. A family/handicap accessible restroom with an infant changing table is located outside of the piano-side of the Sanctuary.

## Coming up...

**Dec. 22** — Sunday School classes will not meet. Rev. Doug Reedy will be preaching.

**Week of Dec. 23** — Staff and ministers all likely to be out of the office. The offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26.

**Dec. 23** — Deposits are due for the Senior/Retired Adult trip to Pigeon Forge.

**Dec. 24** — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Dec. 25** — Merry Christmas! There will be no Wednesday night activities.

**Dec. 29** — Sunday School Classes will not meet. Sandra Cox will be preaching.

**Jan. 1** — Happy New Year! The offices and Early Childhood Ministry will be closed. There will be no Wednesday night activities.

## Coming up this week

### Sunday, December 15

9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School

10:30 a.m. .... Worship (in the Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. .... Worship (online)

5:00 p.m. .... Memorial Service (Chapel)

### Monday, December 16

10:30 a.m. .... Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

5:45 p.m. .... Finance Meeting (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. .... Deacons Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, December 17

7:00 a.m. .... Men's Prayer Group (Zoom)

### Wednesday, December 18

6:00 p.m. .... Youth Progressive Dinner

7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m. .... Community Café, hosted by  
Bridge Class (Act. Bld.)

3:00 p.m. .... Hispanic Ministry Bible  
Study (Act. Bld.)

  
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First Baptist Sanctuary Choir Presents

# “THIS IS CHRISTMAS”

a Cantata to celebrate the season

on Sunday, December 15, 2024  
during 10:30 a.m. Worship  
in the Sanctuary

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committed to living out the love of Christ by  
serving God and all people.*

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**

# The Worship of God

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in First Baptist Sanctuary

Carol Prelude ..... Betty Hubbard

Welcome ..... Rev. Doug Reedy

Introduction to the Service ..... Rev. Tim Little

Lighting the Advent Candle ..... Meghan Walsh & Terrence Bautista  
Candle of Joy

One: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

**Many: Faced with troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**

Time with the Children ..... Kim Gore

Offering ..... Congregation

**"This is Christmas: Celebrating the Heart of Christmas"**

by Mary McDonald

Performed by First Baptist Sanctuary Choir

*This is Christmas Love* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*Rejoice! Emmanuel* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*He Shall Be Called* ..... Sanctuary Choir  
Solo by Rev. Lisa Rust

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*Glory Shone Around* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*He Is Born, the Holy Child* ..... Sanctuary Choir

*Sleep in Peace Tonight* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*This Is the Child, This Is the King* ..... Sanctuary Choir

Narration ..... Rev. Owens & Rev. Reedy

*Repeat the Sounding Joy* ..... Sanctuary Choir and Congregation  
Congregation is invited to join and may remain seated.

Joy to the world! the Lord has 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!

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."

Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
and He is in the manger now.  
Christ was born today, Christ was born today!

*This is Christmas Love (Reprise)* ..... Sanctuary Choir

The Blessing & Choral Benediction

Carol Postlude ..... Betty Hubbard

Special thanks is given to Betty Hubbard for accompaniment  
and to Tyler Pittman for extra work on sound.