

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

December 11 — 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PERFORMANCE
"HOW I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE THEN"
followed by Refreshments in the Rock Room

December 15 — 9:30 AM

Children will participate in the live nativity scene
during *A Christmas Tapestry* choir performance

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, December 15

5:00 - 8:00 PM — Dinner Provided

SCAVENGER HUNT AND
DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE

Drop off and Pick up from the GYM

RSVP to Shelby: 864-376-8698

**bring something new or used that you
would enjoy receiving for \$10 or less*

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
& CBF Global Missions Offering

Through the month of December

Given to date: \$255.00

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



December 19 — Noon
Fellowship Hall

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG LED BY ADDRIAN WILSON

Cost: \$10 Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Yeast Rolls, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Soufflé, and Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Please call the Church Office to sign up by
3:00 PM on Thursday, December 12.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Offertory Prayer: Becky Campbell

Visitor Outreach: Larry Mitchell

Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service.

Security: Charlie Ballentine and Chad Walker

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Monday, December 9 - 6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

The Christmas season is approaching, and the church needs help getting ready for Christmas. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a Low Country Boil dinner and then proceed to the Sanctuary to put together the staging for the Christmas program. Tools for installing the stage will be supplied by the church. The installation should not take more than 1 to 2 hours. Please text Skip Brown at 864-617-2343 if you plan to attend.

THANK YOU NOTE

"Thank you to everyone that packed a shoe box for Samaritans Purse. We collected 39 boxes !!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

LYNNLEY STERLING HIGHT

November 26, 2024

6 lbs 15 oz

20 1/2 inches

Proud Parents:

John and Ansley Hight

Granddad: Eddie Wentzky

The rosebud on the pulpit today is placed
in celebration of the birth of Lynnley.



CONDOLENCES

Michael Carithers and family on the passing of his father,
Marshall Carithers, on November 27, 2024

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, December 9

6:00 PM Men's Low Country Boil

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Kid's Christmas Program followed by
refreshments in the Rock Room

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth Homework and Hangout

Sunday, December 15

9:30 AM A Christmas Tapestry

10:30 AM Sunday School

5:00 PM Youth Downtown Christmas Scavenger Hunt
and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange



FIRST BAPTIST
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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We covenant as Christ followers, through humility and love, to share in God's ongoing work of redemption and to serve our world by creating a safe space for healing and wholeness, growth and transformation, awe and wonder.

Welcome

December 8, 2024



Advent is a four-week season of expectation, anticipation, and preparation for the first and second comings of Christ. You'll see references to this season throughout our sanctuary. The color purple on our pulpit symbolizes the royalty of the One for whom we wait and hope. The theme of light is prominent during Advent to remind us that Christ is the light who comes into the world. The Advent wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end. Candles for each Sunday in Advent surround the Christ candle, reminding us that Christ is our hope, peace, joy, and love. We pray that the keeping of Advent this year will make us watchful and ready for the coming of Jesus Christ and will prepare our hearts for a deeper and richer celebration of his birth.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Hannah Wilson

Visitor Outreach:
Tom Martin

Children's Worship:
Timothy Clardy and Shawna Wilson

Security:
T. J. Fusco and Greg Shore

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Welcome James Chadbourne

Solo *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Lloyd Larson
Anne Whitney, Soloist

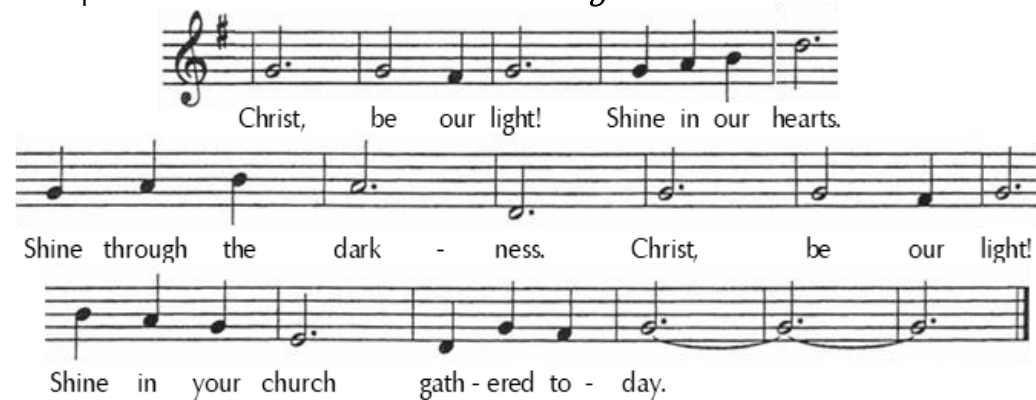
Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting the Advent Candle Peace Thomas, Elana, Gabrielle and Julia Roach

Leaders: Will you come to our world, God?
Will you come with peace?
For we have too much brokenness,
not enough wholeness;
Too much frantic activity, *not enough calm;*
Too many worries, *not enough dreams.*

Congregation: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring peace.

Choral Response *Christ Be Our Light* FERRELL



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

*Hymn No. 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Offertory Prayer Hannah Wimpey

Offertory Music *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Albin Whitworth

Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - arr. Chapman
Our God (with O Come All ye Faithful) - Brewster

Morning Prayer James Chadbourne

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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 have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *Emmanuel, To Thee We Sing* John Purifoy
Sanctuary Choir

Emmanuel, to Thee we sing, Thou Prince of life, almighty King.
That Thou, expected ages past, didst come to visit us at last.

For Thee, since first the work was made, our hearts have waited, watched and prayed.
Prophets and wise men, year by year, have longed to see Thy light appear.

All glory, worship, thanks and praise, that Thou art come in these our days!
O Thou, our heavenly Guest expected long, we hail Thee with a joyful song!

That Thou, expected in ages past, didst come to visit us at last.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Scripture **Luke 1:26-38**
(Pew Bible Page 1012)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *"How Can This Be?"* Jim Wooten

Solo *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert
Addrian Wilson, Soloist

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

*Hymn No. 287 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *O Blessed Emmanuel* J. S. Bach/Thompson
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a visual way of marking the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end. Four Advent candles encircle a central Christ Candle. In our wreath, there are three purple candles and one rose candle, which is lit on the third Sunday in Advent to signify the joy that is soon to come.

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://text.fbcanderson.com) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.