

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Addrian Wilson

ORCHESTRA

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| <b>VIOLIN</b><br>Natalie Rutledge<br>Celeste Griffith<br>Kendra Hamilton<br>Sara Kate Smith<br>Lillie Ann Hawkins<br>Maren Reeves | <b>CELLO</b><br>Mikayla Hubbard                | <b>OBOE</b><br>Shelly Black                       | <b>HORN</b><br>Alec Saidat<br>Kirk Cavender                       |
| <b>VIOLA</b><br>Luis Martinez<br>Mandi Aumann   | <b>CONTRABASS</b><br>Chris Lewis               | <b>TRUMPET</b><br>Doug Wertz<br>Allison Pettigrew | <b>PERCUSSION</b><br>Nicole Ladd<br>Hunter Hiland<br>Jamie Smith  |
|   | <b>FLUTE</b><br>Lexi Cavender<br>Leah Burdette | <b>EUPHONIUM/TROMBONE</b><br>Alston Pettigrew     | <b>KEYS</b><br>Leslie Nation<br>Kelly Smith<br>Mary Alice Edmonds |
|   | <b>CLARINET</b><br>Alan Nowell<br>David Perry  | <b>TUBA</b><br>Jose Maduro                        |   |

FIRST BAPTIST SANCTUARY CHOIR MEMBERS

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| <b>SOPRANOS</b>  | <b>ALTOS</b>  | <b>TENORS</b>   |
| Tami Atkins<br>Linda Chadbourne<br>Phyllis Cooper<br>Donna Greer<br>Sandra Jamison<br>Lise Lingle<br>Leslie Nation<br>Donna Nelson<br>Elana Roach<br>Dona Shiflette<br>Anne Whitney<br>Katie Whitney<br>Kim Wilson<br>Hannah Wimpey<br>Judith Wright | Kathy Adams<br>Jeanne Brown<br>Penelope Carl<br>Shelby Clardy<br>Liz Marvin<br>Anne Newton<br>Nichole Niemeyer<br>Susan Reed<br>Ann Self<br>Lynn Stoddard<br>Marie Turner<br>Leslie Walker<br>Mae Whitt | John Bone<br>Timothy Clardy<br>Bob Lingle<br>Mark Menees<br>Vince Rutledge<br>Jamie Smith<br>David Stoddard |
|  |   | <b>BASSES</b>   |
|  |   | Jack Abraham<br>James Chadbourne<br>Sam Drew<br>Dennis Fowler<br>Marshall Hobson<br>Sonny Reed<br>Jim Smith |

We extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the Men's Ministry who worked to put up our sanctuary stage extension for the "Christmas Tapestry" orchestra! Thank you, gentlemen!



FIRST BAPTIST  
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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 15, 2024

**Serving Today**

Offertory Prayer:  
Becky Campbell

Visitor Outreach:  
Larry Mitchell

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

Security:  
Charlie Ballentine and Chad Walker

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

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.

# The Worship of God

Welcome

Alan Oxendine

Prelude

*Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saens/Whitworth  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting the Advent Candle Joy

Craig, Ann Louise, and Jake Nicolopolus

Leaders: Will you come to our world, God?

*Will you come with joy?*

For we have too much seriousness,

*not enough laughter;*

Too many expectations, *not enough celebration;*

Too many words, *too little singing.*

**Congregation: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring joy.**

Choral Response

*Christ Be Our Light*

FERRELL



Morning Prayer

Alan Oxendine

*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.**

## 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](http://andersonfbc.org/give), through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://text.fbcanderson.org) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

(Children will remain in the service today.)

## A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY

The Angel Visits Mary

Children and Youth

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* - arr. Dan Forrest  
*Emmanuel, to Thee We Sing* - John Purifoy

\*Hymn No. 88

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Offertory Prayer

Becky Campbell

Offertory Music

*Christmas Eve*  
Orchestra

arr. Bob Phillips

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.

Jesus Is Born/The Shepherds hear the Good News

Children and Youth

*God Rest You Merry* - arr. Alice Parker

*The Little Drummer Boy* - arr. Joel Raney

The Visit of the Wise Men

Children and Youth

*The First Nowell* - arr. Mack Wilberg

*Joy to the World!* - arr. John Rutter

\*Hymn No. 83

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

FESTAL SONG

Benediction

Addrian Wilson

Postlude

*Christmas Eve* (Reprise)  
Orchestra

arr. Bob Phillips

## 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.