

PLEASE NOTE

YEAR <sup>31</sup> END GIVING

All end of the year gifts should be turned in or postmarked before **Tuesday, December 31**, to be counted in the 2024 year. If you have any questions please contact Lesley Hudgins in the FBC Church Office.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & CBF Global Missions Offering

Through the month of December

Given to date: \$735.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

FBC YOUTH EVENT

Next Sunday, January 5 - 4:30-7:00 PM

Ice Skating at Wren Park followed by dinner at Electric City Pizza.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

HIRD HURSDAY Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, January 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall

Have you heard about the Carolina Hybrid Academy? They are making great use of our FBC facilities! If you're interested in discovering what they are all about, join us on the 16th. We're excited to have a representative from CHA share with us!

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Roast Beef and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Yeast Rolls, Coconut Cake

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 9.

Thursday, February 20 at noon in the Fellowship Hall Magic with Jack Roper

Cost: \$10.00; Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Corn Muffin, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Strawberry Cake

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, February 13.

CHURCH

CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - 11:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU

Baked Ham (chicken tenders for kids), Yeast Rolls, Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans, Chocolate Delight

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community to make reservations by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, January 22.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Adams

Visitor Outreach: Linda Chadbourne

Children's Worship: Elana Roach and Tracey Ramsey

Security: Kevin McCoy and Jack Abraham

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Wednesday, January 1 - New Years Day

Church Office Closed

No regularly scheduled activities

Friday, January 3

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

4:30 PM Youth Ice Skating at Wren Park & Pizza at Electric City Pizza



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 29, 2024



Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of Christmas. Christmas is not a single day but a season of twelve days (The Twelve Days of Christmas we have always heard about in song.)—twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come, but not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a baby, is at the heart of Christmas. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save our own. May we never doubt God's commitment to rescue his creation. Rejoice!



We mark the days of our lives on a calendar. Whenever one year gives way to another, people all over the world celebrate- not only the gift of another year of life, but the opportunity to live that life in a new way, a better way. It is an occasion of hope... and resolve.

The Apostle Paul once wrote: *but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13b-14)*. That is a great motto for any new year, but maybe even more so for this one.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Dewey Boyd

Visitor Outreach: Marian Moorhead

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

Security: Jimmy Cooley and Dale Ellenburg

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

## Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

## 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 and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Welcome Lyn Darby

Prelude *Unto Us a Boy Is Born* arr. Albin Whitworth  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn No. 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Offertory Prayer Dewey Boyd

Offertory Music *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* 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.

\*Hymn No. 86 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Morning Prayer Lyn Darby

*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.**

\*Hymn No. 103 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

Anthem *Who But the Lord?* Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar.  
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,  
can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?  
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"?

Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,  
brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?  
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?

O shine on us the brightness of Your face,  
to earth's remotest end, every people, every race.  
O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace.  
Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

(Children will remain in the service today.)

Scripture **Luke 2:1-7** Addrian Wilson

(Pew Bible Page 1014)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Monologue **"The Inn Keeper"** Jim Wooten

Hymn No. 95 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Albin Whitworth  
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

## 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.