

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE LORD’S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Lea

ANTICIPATING THE ADVENT OF GOD

CHIMES

PRELUDE TO WORSHIP: PIANO/ORGAN DUET

Cameron Current & Connie Hardison

“Christmas Hymn (Praise to God Whose Love Was Shown)” [Grant & Smith/arr. Bennett]

CALL TO WORSHIP: READING NO. 78 (God’s Revelation)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [VENI EMMANUEL]

SOLO: Rick Gardner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Michele Gardner

LEADER: The prophet Isaiah said: “Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and you shall name him Immanuel.”

PEOPLE: **And God spoke to Joseph through a dream, telling him that his fiancé Mary would bear a son, “And you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**

LEADER: Immanuel—God is with us! Jesus—the one who saves! God’s story is resolving itself. Our hope is paying off. God is reconciling the world through Jesus. Even now the joy that will be perfected at the end of time is bubbling up and filling our lives.

ALL: *Let us light the candle of peace, and pray that this shall be so, even as God intends!*

CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 102 (verses 1-3)

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Congregation

[ANTIOCH]

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Michael Lea

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aubreana and Maleah Lovell

“One King”

[Jeff Borders, Gayla Borders and Lowell Alexander]

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Natalie Lea

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH MARCH

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 105

““Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Congregation

[ES IST EIN ROS’]

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Molly Shelton

OFFERTORY

“Away in a Manger”

David Wilson

[arr. Rouse]

*DOXOLOGY

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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ANTHEM

“Angels Are Making Their Rounds”

Sanctuary Choir

[Pepper Choplin]

SHARING IN THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD

READING OF SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 1:18-25

LEADER: This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Rob Lee

SERMON

“Waiting on the World to Change”

Rob Lee

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 102 (verse 4)

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Congregation

[ANTIOCH]

*BENEDICTION

Rob Lee

POSTLUDE: PIANO/ORGAN DUET

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Cameron Current & Connie Hardison

[arr. Anna Laura Page]

*All who are able please stand.

**Children between 3 years old and 3rd Grade are invited to attend Children’s Church. Parents, if your child is new to Children’s Church, please fill out the Children’s Church sticker in the pews and place them on your child. This helps provide teachers the information needed to register each child and lead all children to their appropriate spaces. After worship, all parents and/or the responsible adult(s) for each child should pick up their child in their respective spaces.

Mark Your Calendars!

Schedule for Taste Buddies Trips 2014

January 28.....Dinner at Outback-Blowing Rock

February 6....."Don't Cry for Me Margaret Mitchell" Barter Theater - Abingdon, VA

March....Garden of Eaten Café/Shopping in Hickory (date TBA)

April 8....."Church Basement Ladies-A Second Helping" Barn Dinner Theater - Greensboro

May.....Fish @ Stony Point NC (date TBA)

June..... Blue Ridge Dinner Theater (date TBA)

July..... Afternoon at the Rousseau House (date TBA)

August 1.....Lunch at Harvest Table-Meadowview, VA and Virginia Highlands Festival-Abingdon, VA

September.....Music, Storytelling and Hayride at The Orchard @ Altapass (date TBA)

October 2....."Little Shop of Horrors" Wohlfardt Dinner Theater- Wytheville, VA

November.....Volunteer at Operation Christmas Child and dinner or lunch in Boone (date TBA)

December 4...Dinner and "Bethlehem Village" at Providence Baptist Church - Harrisburg, NC

Please remember to check the church’s website, fbcwj.org, in inclement weather - click on the link **Inclement Weather Cancellations**.

Nursery Workers

12/22 - Kevin & Lisa Holman

12/29 - Hobie & Lora Davis

1/5 - Chris & Heather Campbell

1/12 - Neal & Sarah Tugman

Children’s Church Leaders

12/22 -3-K: Natalie Lea and

Mary Beth Knight-Greene

Gr. 1-3: Heather Campbell and

Jennifer Robinson

12/29 -33-K: Travus & Mandy Lovell

Gr. 1-3: Neal, Sarah, Amanda &

Mary Austin Tugman

1/5 - 3-K: Ken & Billie Gardner

Gr. 1-3: Hobie & Lora Davis

1/12 - 3-K: Laura McClure and

Sandra Hollingsworth

Gr. 1-3: Jerry & Becky Absher

Greeters

12/22 -SS: Marlyn Hartzog and Larry Rhodes

Worship: Scott & Jennifer Robinson

12/29 -SS: Pam Weaver and Richie Gardner

Worship: Calvin & Dot Green

1/5 - SS: Jane Blackburn and Larry Rousseau

Worship: Chris & Stacey Miller

1/12 - SS: Theresa Curd and Cameron Current

Worship: Jerry & Becky Absher

GUEST INFORMATION

Please complete and place in an offering plate or give to an usher.

Date: _____

Mr. _____

Ms./Mrs. _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (W) _____

Phone (C) _____

Email _____

1st Visit 2nd Visit

3rd Visit Regular Attender

Did you attend a Sunday

School class today? Yes No

Which class? _____

Are you a member of a church?

If so, what church?

AGE (Please circle)

Married Adults

20-29 30-39 40-49

50-59 60-69 70+

Newly Married

Single Adults

College 18-21 22-29

30-39 41+ Engaged

Children at Home

(Please list names & ages)

I/We would like:

information on how to become a Christian

information on how to join this church family

to talk with a minister

This month’s ARC item(s):

peanut butter, pop tarts, toiletries

(deodorant, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

MEMBERSHIP AND DECISION

Date: _____
 Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

 Children (ages) _____

 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____
 Phone (W) _____
 Phone (C) _____
 Email _____
 Birth date(s) _____

I/We make the following public commitment:

- Confess Christ as Lord and Savior, and desire baptism.
- Desire membership in this church by transfer from _____
- Recommit my life to Christ.

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COMMUNICATION

We want to hear from you
 Please use this section to communicate with the church staff regarding:

- Prayer Requests
- Changes in contact information – telephone, address, etc.
- Ministry needs
- Interest in finding a Sunday School Class or a ministry in which to serve

Your 2014 offering envelopes are ready for you to pick up. They are located on the table in the hallway by the church nursery.

Please go to www.fbcwj.org for the "Weekly Opportunities to Serve", Wednesday night meal menu, and the monthly Newsletters.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** will resume January 6, 2014, at 10 am in the fellowship hall of the church. The new study will be "Grace" with Max Lacado. The books have arrived and the participants books will be available in Ann's office at \$10 each. **YOU** are invited to join the group.

CHRISTMAS CARD FOLDERS, in the sanctuary next to the organ, are available for you to file your Christmas cards at any time.

If you would like to order a hymnal for your personal at-home use, please fill out an order form located at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Office. The music department will cover tax and the cost of shipping. You will be responsible for \$15 per hymnal, due upon delivery of your new hymnal. We will be accepting hymnal orders through January 1. - *Christopher Langdon*

REMINDER TO ALL TEMPORARY COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Church Council is comprised of Committee Chairs/Program Directors/Officers. The purpose of selecting a temporary chair is to give you the authority to call a brief meeting in order to determine who will serve as the permanent chair for your committee. The first Church Council meeting for 2014 is on January 22. If you have been selected temporary chair on the committee for which you serve and that committee has not yet met, please call a brief committee meeting by January 12th and let Ann Morrison know when your committee will meet (*so she can send out notification to committee members,*) and once you have met, who has been chosen to serve as permanent chair for your committee. (*Note: it is usually most convenient to hold this brief meeting before/after Worship Service on Sundays*)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY:
 9:45 a.m.Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.Morning Worship
 3:00 p.m.Youth Council meeting
 4:00 p.m.Youth (*grades 7-12*): Christmas Extravaganza at the Shelton's

TUESDAY:
 5:00 p.m.Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

WEDNESDAY:
 10:00 a.m.Christmas Day Brunch & Worship in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY:
 9:45 a.m.Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.Morning Worship/5th Sunday

OUR WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Last Week's Giving (*General and Designated*).....\$20,684.19
 Total Giving Year to Date (*General and Designated*).....\$384,348.09

Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions Goal: \$3,000.00 | YTD: \$1,088.00
(includes June Phillips Memorial Mission, CBF Global and Lottie Moon)

The Youth Christmas Party will be held today from 4pm-6pm at the Shelton's House (250 E Oakwood Road West Jefferson.) There will also be a Youth Council meeting at 3pm prior to the party. Please direct any questions to Rob Lee rwlee@skybest.com

The staff will be out of the office December 23 through January 1.

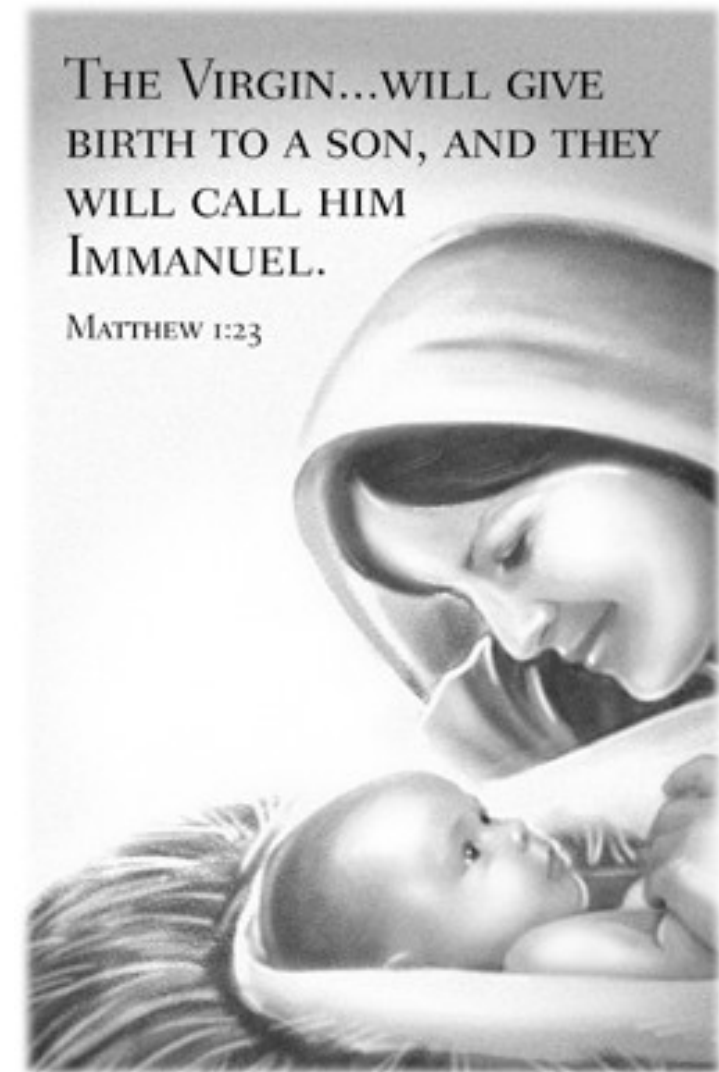
Rev. Michael S. Lea, *Pastor*
 Rev. J. Kenneth Morris, *Pastor Emeritus*
 Rob Lee, *Pastoral Assistant*
 Christopher Langdon, *Music Ministry Director*
 Connie Hardison, *Organist*
 Cameron Current, *Pianist*
 David Wilson, *Accompanist*
 Ann Morrison, *Church & Financial Secretary*
 Mary Patrick, *Custodian*

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First Baptist Church



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a beacon of Christ's hope**



**Worship Service
 December 22, 2013**