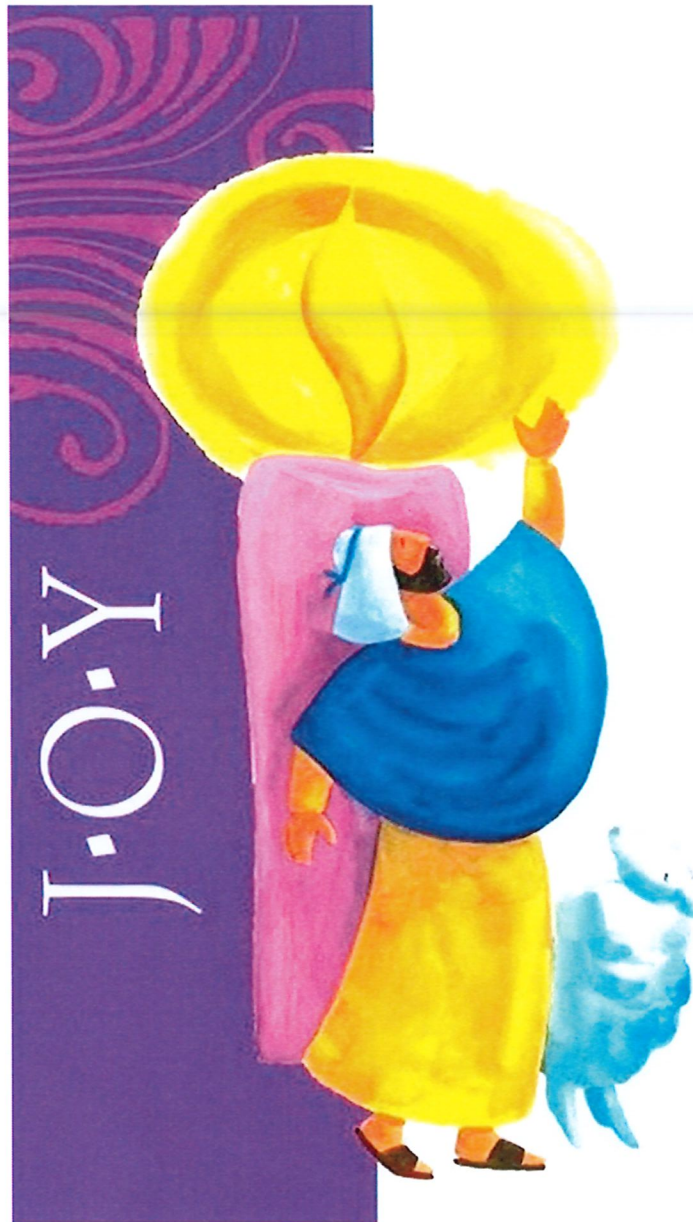
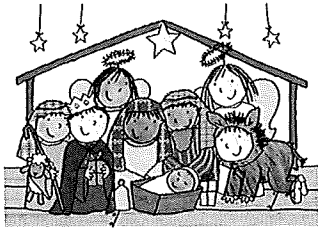


First Baptist Church of Dayton  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
DECEMBER 15, 2024



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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Christmas Pageant Sunday  
December 15, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying ..... Paul Manz
- How Brightly Shines the Morning Star ..... Johann Pachelbel
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ..... Johannes Brahms
- Magnificat (Plein jeu) ..... Jean Francois Dandrieu



In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed ..... Hal H. Hopson

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all the earth shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 1:1-5, 9, 14)

Ava Powell, Leader

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.

**All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.**

Our opening hymn for this morning *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*, begins with the word “now,” launching us immediately into the season of Advent. The word now proclaims that the waiting and expectation continue in our present, inviting us to imagine a world where God’s realm is present on earth. This hymn that is unfamiliar to many allows God’s imagination and Christ’s love to sing first. It lets those who are lonely, outcast, and hidden be named first. And it’s only after we’ve listened to creation and listened to our neighbors that we are able to ask to learn their song, the Advent song of all creation, which is already in the middle of singing God’s wonder.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jamie and Marin See

*And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

~ Isaiah 35:10

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR JOY

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald’s urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Vs. 1-2-3) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*  
TIF INVELDELE

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**  
**Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**  
**Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the  
2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the  
3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the  
4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the



light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -  
light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the  
light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and  
light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing;



va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
tell the glad ti - dings. Let your lights be shin - ing.

# Listening for the Word of God

ANNUNCIATION – Luke 1:26-38

Lucas Owens

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#91 *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*  
WALNUT

Mary first acknowledges the special gifts she has been given. Then she recalls God's universal favors, bestowed unceasingly on the human race. When we venerate Mary, the Church comes together to praise God for what He has accomplished in his Mother and at the same time to imitate her as a model of faith and virtue. Mary, the Mother of Christ, shows us how to love God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*  
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(based on Luke 1:46-55)*  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rachel Powell & Ella Mikesell

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Dustin Kress Tyson, Soloist

*"Mary, Did You Know?"* ..... Buddy Green



## Children's Christmas Pageant

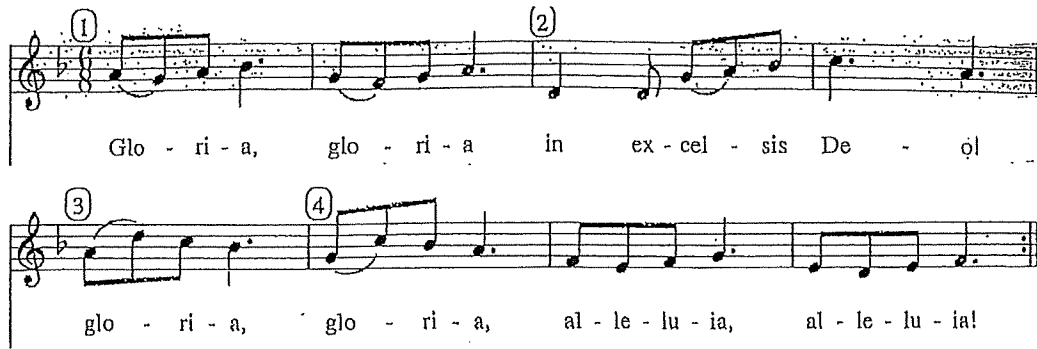
### ACT I

The Birth of Jesus  
*(from Luke 2:1-7)*

### ACT II

The Shepherds and the Angels  
*(from Luke 2:8-20)*

Gloria, Gloria



ACT III

The Visit of the Magi  
*(from Matthew 2:1-20)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pageant Choir  
 Mr. Ray Landis, Director

*"Light the Advent Candles"*

Soloist: Benjamin Ryan  
 Duet: Lottie Tyson & Reagan Crowley  
 Duet: Abby Cox & Abigail Owens

INVITATION

Rev. Alspaugh

*"The Pink Candle"*

The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#113 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

In the early fourth century, one of the greatest controversies in the church came to a breaking point, and the Emperor Constantine called together the First Council of Nicaea to establish once and for all the Church's official stance on the nature of the Trinity. The council condemned the teaching of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not of the same nature as God the Father. The Nicene Creed was thus written as a statement of faith that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit are all of the same nature, three and yet one. Prudentius' hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten," addresses this belief in the Trinity in the very first line. It is very clear from his text that Christ is both human and divine, and rather than simply being made by God, he was "begotten" of the very same substance. As we sing this hymn, we both affirm and align our faith with the broader faith of the Church, and we deny any belief that says that Christ is not fully divine. This hymn, so often associated with Christmas, is thus a hymn of proclamation, calling us to sing out our faith – "every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!"

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. David Coggins

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 *God Be With You*  
 GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again!  
 By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
 With His sheep securely fold you;  
 God be with you till we meet again!**

Variations on an Old French Carol ..... Claude Balbastre  
"The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary"



(\*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.  
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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### **Children's Christmas Pageant CAST**

Narrator – Pastor Jason

Mary – Abigail Owens

Joseph – Abby Cox

Baby Jesus – Alina Brown

Cow – Colin Brown

Sheep – Laker Tyson

Shepherds – Logan Crowley, Emory Tyson

Angel of the Lord – Meredith Ryan

Angels – Chancel Choir (et al)

King Herod – Elijah Cox

Magi – Lottie Tyson, Benjamin Ryan, Reagan Crowley

Star – Sydney Owens

*Special thanks to Barb Bogan and Ray Landis for organizing our pageant choir!*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

## Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Babb Family	Lavanda Ferguson	Kaye Suryk
Clara Black	Debbie Harshman	Thomson Family
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Lee Tyson
Gail Bowman	Kalbfleisch Family	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Landis Family	Harold West
Jessica Brown	Gene Lee	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Vincent Liss	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Lisa McMullen	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Pamela Cress	Merkle Family	Sebastian Ewald
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Kerby Downs	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Judy See	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Roger Stephens	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

## Week of Dec. 15 – 22

Sun. 15	10:00a	.....	Worship & Children's Pageant – Advent 3
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	5:30p	.....	BYF Christmas Party
Mon. 16	7:00p	.....	DP rehearsal
Tue. 17	11:45a	.....	Staff Christmas Luncheon
	1-3p	.....	River Commons Christmas Party
Wed. 18	11:00a	.....	Midweek Advent Study (CEC)
	6:30p	.....	Executive Council Meeting
Thu. 19	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 22	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Advent 4
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages

## **BYF Christmas Party Today!**

**Dec. 15 @ 5:30-7:30pm**

We are hosting a Christmas Party for our BYF youth (grades 6–12) along with youth from Harmony Creek Church today, Dec. 15 @ 5:30-7:30pm. Pizza will be provided, and we invite folks to bring a snack/dessert/side to share (potluck style) and we'll spend our time connecting and playing games. We also plan to do a Silly Gift Exchange (gifts can be made, regifted or bought, \$10 max.). They just need to be anonymously wrapped. Friends are always welcome. Just RSVP to Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org)) so we have enough pizza, etc.

## **Executive Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, Dec. 18 @ 6:30pm**

## **Change to Online Giving**

The new online giving site, Engage, is available now for use, and the old site will be phased out as of 12/31/24. Nancy Kerr will assist you if you have any difficulties. Instruction sheets/flyers are available on the table by the office. The link to the new online giving site is: <https://engage.suran.com/firstbaptistdayton>

## **The Mitten Tree**

During the Advent/Christmas season, we ask that you honor the gift of Christ with gifts for those in need. You may bring gifts of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves to place on our Mitten Tree for kids and families served by the Dayton Christian Center. The Mitten Tree is located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.

## **Blanket Donation Drive for St. Vincent DePaul Shelter**

Following the lead of our young people, we invite you to donate a blanket or two for the St. Vincent DePaul shelter. We began collecting donations on November 17, and will continue to do so through Sunday, December 15. Blankets can be placed on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jason. Thank you!

## **ABC-USA December Offering**

In December the Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is a tangible way for the American Baptist congregations to say "Thank You" for the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. Please make checks payable to FBC and note RMMO on the memo line. Thank you!

## **Midweek Advent Study with Christ Episcopal**

**Wednesdays @ 11am-Noon**

**December 4, 11 & 18**

**Christ Episcopal Church**

**(20 W First St, Dayton 45402)**

You are invited to take part in a midweek Advent study involving folks from FBC and Christ Episcopal. We will be using material from an Advent Devotional called, "Words for the Beginning" to help shape our time together. Limited print copies will be available. This is another opportunity for us to nurture ecumenical relationships and grow together in faith. Note, participants are also invited to stay for the midweek Eucharist service that takes place at 12:10pm. NOTE: Additional resources for this Advent series are available on CEC's website, including details about what we'll be covering each week along with other resources to use at home (spotify playlist, weekly poems, photo-a-day advent challenge). Here's the link: <https://daytonchristepiscopal.com/formation/>



**Homefull**  
**River Commons Christmas Party**  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 1:00-3:00pm  
(144 E Helena St, Dayton 45404)

The FBC Mission Board is again sponsoring the annual River Commons Christmas Party. The party is scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 17 at 1 PM and should last around 2 hours. It will be similar to ones we have sponsored in the past. We will need volunteers to set-up and provide food, drinks and snacks for our guests. A signup sheet for volunteers to help and/or provide foods is located on the bulletin board in the hallway near the restrooms. All help will be appreciated! All attendees will receive "prizes" at the event. We can contribute items for this as well. See the list on the bulletin board of suggested items that could be donated as prizes, or pick up a copy from the table by the office.



**Blue Christmas Worship Service**  
Thursday, Dec. 19 @ 7pm  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
(515 E. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402)

A group of area pastors, including Pastor Jason, are organizing an ecumenical Blue Christmas Service. The purpose of this kind of service is to create a prayerful, worshipful space in which folks will be able to express any grief they may be feeling during this Advent/Christmas Season. There will be opportunities to share with others, a variety of ways to pray/reflect, time to sit peacefully and listen, and even to sing. And we will conclude our time by sharing Holy Communion. You are welcome to participate as you feel comfortable. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Jason.

**Special Guest Artist**  
**Philip Armstrong, Tenor**  
Sunday, Dec. 22 @ 10am



Special musical guest Philip Armstrong is a native of Bidwell, Ohio and graduate of Central State University and the University of Akron. He currently lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he served as the first Director of the Greenwood Rising Museum. He has performed throughout the country as a tenor soloist and has been featured in his hometown with the Ohio Valley Symphony Orchestra. As a student at Central State he distinguished himself as scholar, musician, student conductor, and radio personality. We welcome him and his family to First Baptist Church!

**Congregational Meeting on Dec. 22, 2024**

On Sunday, Dec. 22, there will be a brief congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall after service to vote on the proposed 2025 Boards & Committees roster.



**Save the Date!**  
**December 29th Holiday Luncheon**

Our recent Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success, and our chef, Grey Booker, has offered to prepare another Holiday Luncheon for us Sunday, December 29 after worship. On the menu—lasagna (and a vegan option), salad, and snack tray. Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share for dessert! RSVP by yellow card and save the date!



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

### **Legends, Symbols, and Traditions of the Holiday Season**

Led by Angie Berghuis  
Sundays, Dec. 15 & 22 @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel

If you enjoyed or missed the Sunday School sessions on Cemetery Symbols, you just may like these two sessions on the Legends, Symbols, and Traditions of the Holiday Season and objects we see every day. Some stories may bring you laughter and joy while others may bring peace and solace. Join Angie Berghuis on December 15 and 22 for these special holiday classes. All attendees will receive a special gift.

### **Church History: Medieval Christianity**

Led by Dr. Roy Vice  
Sundays, Jan. 5, 12 & 19 @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel

We once again welcome Dr. Roy Vice, as he shares his knowledge of pivotal moments in Church History, this time focusing on Medieval Christianity. The High Middle Ages were the Golden Age of building the great Gothic Cathedrals. Gothic architecture has pointed arches, ribbed vaulting and flying buttresses. Some cathedrals have as much stone below ground as above. Notre Dame de Paris is just the most famous of these cathedrals. This was also the era of the growth of universities and Scholasticism, the effort by Thomas Aquinas and others to integrate the philosophy of Aristotle into Christian theology. This revival of learning was very influential. After 1300 the weather turned colder and wetter and there were famines. The Ottoman Turks began to conquer land in Turkey and Greece. During most of the 14th century the papacy was in Avignon, France and the popes built a magnificent palace. John Wyclif criticized the wealth and worldliness of the church. To add to the suffering, The Bubonic Plague swept through Europe killing around a third of the population. Finally, the Hundred Years' War between England and France broke out. Ultimately, the new Nation States began to emerge...

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## **2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

**Celebration Banquet**  
**Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**  
**The Dayton Arcade**  
**35 W Fourth Street, Dayton 45402**

"A Charge to Keep I Have" is the theme for the event and the evening banquet will feature an electric address by Dr. Rodney Kennedy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a prolific writer, highly accomplished author, and activist who is committed to civil rights and social justice.

If you are interested / able to attend, please pick up and complete the form that is located on the table by the office door. Individual tickets are \$75. If you sign up & prefer to sit at a table with other FBC people, tell Ted Greenwood or Tim Holmen. You may also speak to either of them if you have questions

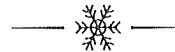


**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Tuesday, Dec. 24  
Musical Prelude and Service at 5:45pm



*Holiday Office Hours*

Monday, Dec. 23 – Office closes at 1pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Office closed  
Wednesday, Dec. 25 – *Merry Christmas!*  
Thursday, Dec. 26 – Open 10-2  
Friday, Dec. 27 – Open 10-2  
Monday, Dec. 30 – Open 10-2  
Tuesday, Dec. 31 – Office closed  
Wednesday, Jan. 1 – *Happy New Year!*



**Redistribute Your Old Magazines**

Pastor David is looking for magazines to place in the Lending Library at the ManCo Urban Meadow Community Park. This is an opportunity to eliminate some of your clutter before Christmas. Bring your previously read magazines to the church and leave them on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will make good use of them in the park library.

**Annual Reports are Due January 6, 2025**

Annual reports for 2024 are due by Monday, January 6, 2025 from pastoral staff, board chairs, and committee chairs. Please email reports to Linda Blair at [fbcbcd@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:fbcbcd@fbcd Dayton.org). Thank you.

**Photos from Advent/Christmas for Courier**

We would love to see some photos of you/your family during this Advent/Christmas season to be featured in next month's Courier. Please email to Linda Blair at [fbcbcd@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:fbcbcd@fbcd Dayton.org). Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes**

If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please contact Nancy Kerr by email to [nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org) or by phone at 937-222-4691 x. 402.

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**STEWARDSHIP 2025**

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2025, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email [nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:nkerr@fbcd Dayton.org). Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and on the table by the church office. Thank you!

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## Send

### Getting ready for Jesus

One way we can get ready for Jesus is by sharing. God wants us to share our clothes, food, and the gifts and talents that God has given us.

Draw a heart by each of these things you can give to someone.



\_\_\_\_\_ A hug



\_\_\_\_\_ A smile



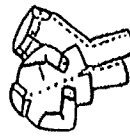
\_\_\_\_\_ A homemade Christmas card



\_\_\_\_\_ A homemade Christmas ornament



\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas cookies



\_\_\_\_\_ A good shirt and pants  
you have outgrown



*Thank you, God, for blessing me with gifts to share with others. Amen*

## This week

Make a gift to give at Christmas.

# Let's Celebrate

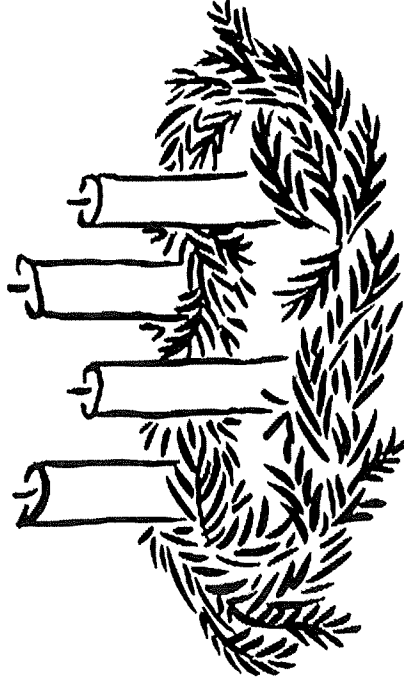
Third Sunday in Advent



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath today?

Color and light three candles.



Count the Advent-colored things that you see in your worship space. Write down the number you find. \_\_\_\_\_

# hear & celebrate

## One of God's messengers

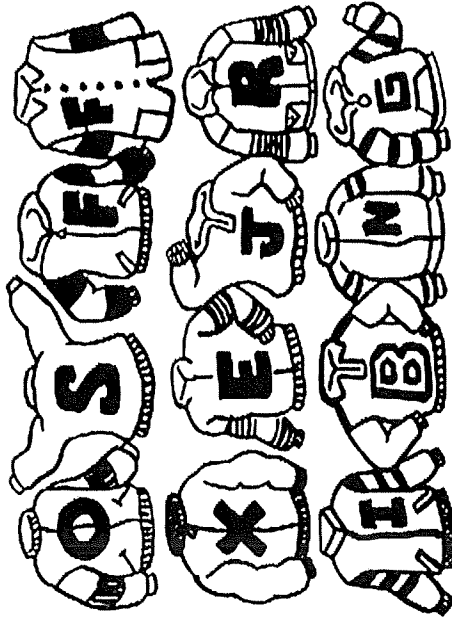
Luke 3:7-18

God sent John the Baptizer to help people get ready for Jesus. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them and by talking about some surprising things. Some of the words John used were: snake, stone, coat, ax, fruit, and fire. Find and circle these things hidden in the picture.



## Church offering

One of John's messages was, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must share it." During part of the worship service, we share what we have with others.



Write down, in order, the letters on the coats with stripes on the sleeves. What is this part of the worship service called?

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What do the ushers pass around to collect our gifts of money? Talk about how ushers help during the worship service.