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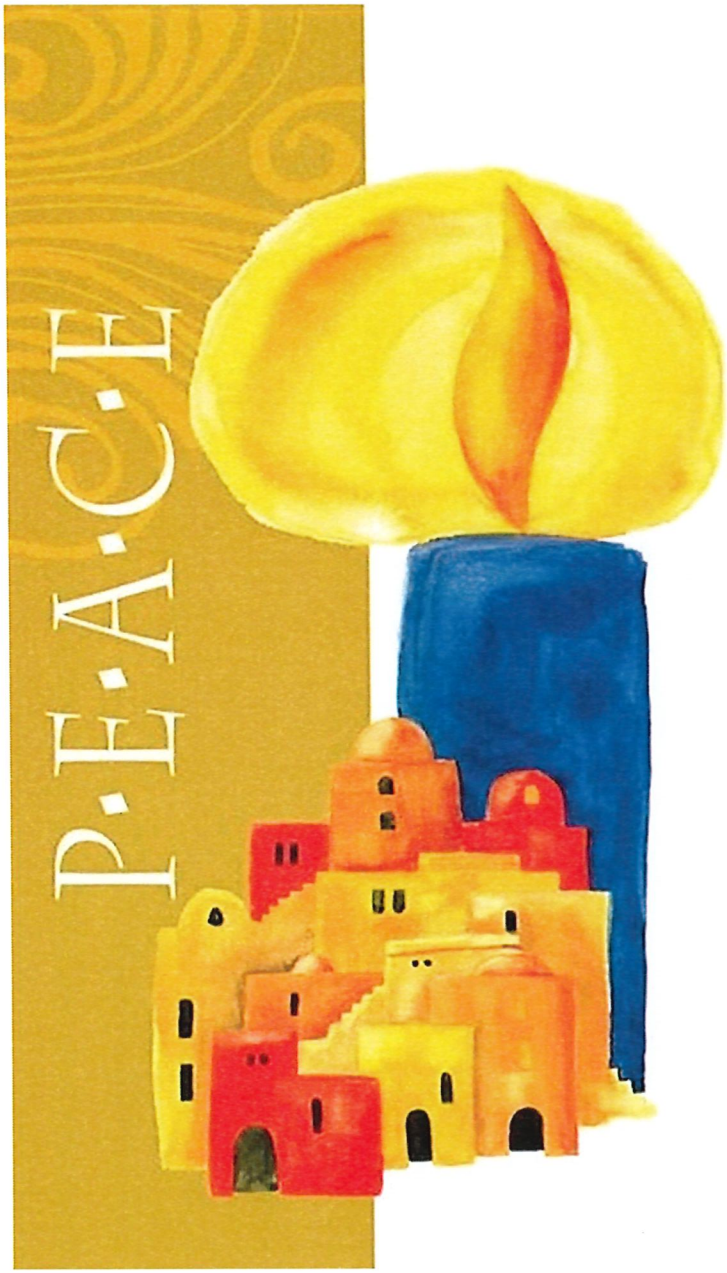

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The First Baptist Church at Worship

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December 7, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

THE PRELUDE — R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Prelude and Fugue in d minor
--J. S. Bach

Chorale Partita on "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"
--Johann Gottfried Walther

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 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 & CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN — **#2** *Come, Thou Almighty King*
ITALIAN HYMN

In his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul warns him that the Christian life is a constant war against evil. He commands Timothy to "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12, ESV). A few verses later, Paul describes the one for whose sake we fight: "he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen" (1 Timothy 6:15-16, ESV). In this hymn, we praise God as our King and Ruler, addressing each Person of the Trinity in turn, and end with a request that "His Sovereign majesty May we in glory see."

PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE — Ted and Gina Greenwood

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The child's authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and the kingdom. God will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." ~Isaiah 9:6-7

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come Emmanuel.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR **PEACE**

Loving God, in this Advent season, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **(Vs. 1-2)** *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.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 15:4-7 Gina Greenwood

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-6 — Gina Greenwood

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN — **#98** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
SHEFFIELD

Psalm 72 is a well-known prophecy of the coming Messiah – foretelling the reign of the King and what the Kingdom of that Messiah will be like. But perhaps more than a prophecy, Psalm 72 is a prayer. In these verses the psalmist calls upon God to give justice and righteousness to the King, perhaps the newly crowned earthly king of Israel, but also the heavenly king. It is a cry for the deliverance of a broken people, for the realization of peace and light. James Montgomery's hymn text from 1821 beautifully captures the essence of that prayer. Albert Bailey says, "His poem is more prayer than prophecy, or shall we say it is prophecy in large part unfulfilled but still capable of inspiring the Church to work for its fulfillment!" (Bailey, *Gospel in Hymns*). As we sing this beautiful hymn, we both declare our hope and our longing for the Kingdom of God, and for the coming of the one who will turn darkness to light, and whose "name to us is Love."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER — **#120** *Emmanuel*
McGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM — Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Recitatives and Chorus, "Glory to God" from *Messiah* ..... George F. Handel

Samantha Leal, Soloist

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them. And they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them, fear not, for behold I bring good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a savior which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel of multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying. Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth. Good will toward men.

SERMON — Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Welcoming Advent"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE — Rev. Alspaugh
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD — **#466 v. 1** *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*
BEACH SPRING

SHARING OF THE CUP — **#466 v. 2-3** *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*
BEACH SPRING

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**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.**

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE — **#427** *We've a Story to Tell*
MESSAGE

A song which encourages us to go therefore and teach all nations is "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." The text was written, under the penname Colin Sterne, and the tune (Message) was composed both by Henry Ernest Nichol, who was born at Hull in Yorkshire, England, on Dec. 10, 1862. Originally intending to become a civil engineer, he abandoned this desire to study music. After receiving his Bachelor of Music Degree from Oxford University in 1888, he produced a large number of melodies, around 130, the majority of which were mainly for Sunday school anniversary services. This song is designed to motivate God's people to sound forth the word of God. That shall turn their hearts to the right, A story of truth and gladness, A story of peace and light, A story of peace and light."

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL — Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION — Chancel Choir and Congregation

#523 *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!

POSTLUDE — R. Alan Kimbrough

Noel with Variations: "Josef est bien marie" ..... Claude Louis Balbastre

(*) 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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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.fbcdayton.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.)

Laura Bayless
Clara Black
Jessica Blair
Gail Bowman
Linda Ginter-Brown
Gerald Busch
Merriann Craig
Pamela Cress
Kay Denny
Brett Domescik
Lavanda Ferguson
Bill Harrell
Debbie Harshman
Hopper Family
Barbara Jett
Gene Lee
Vincent Liss
Patti Loxley
Tom McKenzie
Lisa McMullen
Melissa Mikesell
Shirley Nash
Mary Ann Paloncy
Susan Parent
Petry Family
Judy See
Judy Smith
Stephens Family
Kaye Suryk
Brenda Taylor
Anne Veghte
Cynthia Whittaker
Sharon Wingham

Military Duty:
Sebastian Ewald
Sunny Ewald
Brittany Kalbfleisch
Kyle Kline

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Dec. 7 – 14

Sun. 7	10:00a	..... Worship Service w/Communion – Advent 2
	11:15a	..... Congregational Meeting/Coffee Fellowship
	11:30p	..... Sunday School for All Ages
	11:30p	..... Pageant Rehearsal
Tue. 9	1:30p	..... Downtowners Christmas Concert (CEC)
	6-8p	..... Mankind Men's Group
	6-10p	..... Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
Wed. 10	12:30p	..... Midweek Advent Study (CEC)
	6:30p	..... Board Meetings
Thu. 11	6-8p	..... BYF Gathering
	7:00p	..... Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 12	7:00p	..... Koinonia Christmas Party (Bogans)
Sun. 14	10:00a	. Service of Lessons-Carols-Pageantry – Advent 3
	11:15a	..... Coffee Fellowship
	11:30p	..... Sunday School for All Ages

Congregational Meeting Today

A brief congregational meeting will take place after worship today in the Fellowship Hall to approve the 2026 Boards & Committees roster of volunteers.

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. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Thank you!

Adult Education: Advent Study

Led by Tom & Valli Howard
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
November 30 – December 21
1st Floor – Chapel

River Commons/Homefull Christmas Party

Thursday, Dec. 18 @ 3:00pm
River Commons (144 East Helena St, 45404)

FBC Mission Board is again sponsoring the annual Christmas Party at River Commons. The Party is scheduled for Thursday 12/18/25 at 3 PM and should last less than 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 & snacks for our guests. A signup sheet for volunteers to help and / or provide food & drink will be posted at FBC on Sunday, December 7. If you have questions, ask Ted Greenwood or Tim Holmen. All help will be appreciated!

All are Welcome!!

KOINONIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, Dec. 12 @ 7pm

Home of the Bogans
(7610 Rolling Oaks Dr, 45459)
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share!

Downtowners Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 9 at 1:30pm

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W. First St. Dayton) cordially invites everyone to a delightful Christmas concert featuring Percy Jones and Friends, presenting a wide array of seasonal music with voice, harp, flute, organ, piano, and handbells. Reception to follow.

December Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Dec. 10 @ 6:30pm
Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 17 @ 6:30pm

Midweek Advent Study with Christ Episcopal

Led by Rev. Peter Homeyer & Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Wednesdays @ 12:30-1:30pm
December 3, 10 & 17
Christ Episcopal Church – Parlor – 20 W. First St.

We are once again invited to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for a midweek Advent study using *A Sanctified Arts'* study, "What Do You Fear?: Insisting on Hope this Advent". This study uses the practice of *Visio Divina* to engage with Scripture with contemporary art. Print and electronic copies of the study guide will be available soon. Speak with Pastor Jason if you have questions.

Celebrate the Advent/Christmas Season with Special Worship Services at FBC

All are invited to special music and worship events at First Baptist Church of Dayton during this Advent/Christmas season, with music that will range from classical to contemporary, including traditional carols and spirituals.

First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.

The season of Advent starts with a festive worship service in our beautiful sanctuary decorated for the holidays.

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.

Communion Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

A Service of Pageantry, Lessons & Carols

Children & youth of the church will join the Chancel Choir for a celebration of Lessons and Carols for the Christmas Season, incorporating some pageantry to illustrate some of the Lessons. The music of all periods and styles will feature our wonderful team of musicians plus special soloists from the Chancel Choir.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21, 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.

Special Guest, Aurelian Oprea, Violinist

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Getting ready for Christmas

Some ways we can get ready for Jesus are hidden in the puzzle. Look for the underlined words. Circle the words you find.

Come to <u>church</u>.

<u>Pray</u> together.

Send Christmas <u>cards</u>.

Read the <u>Bible</u>.

Light Advent <u>candles</u>.

Make <u>gifts</u>.

Bake <u>cookies</u>.

This week

Say prayers with your family around your Advent wreath.

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Kids Celebrate

Second Sunday in Advent

Gather

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

Color and light two candles.

Listen to the words of the songs you sing in worship. What do you hear again and again?

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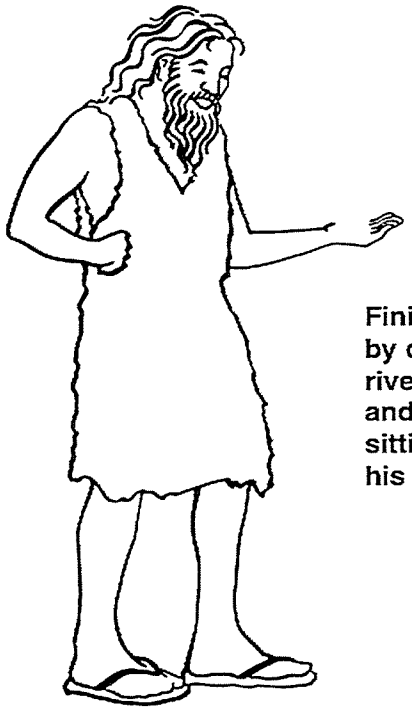
Meet John the Baptizer

Luke 3:1-6

God promised to send someone to help people get ready for Jesus. This person was John the Baptizer. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them in the Jordan River.

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He wore a leather belt. He ate honey and locusts. Locusts are big grasshoppers. Would you like to eat a grasshopper?



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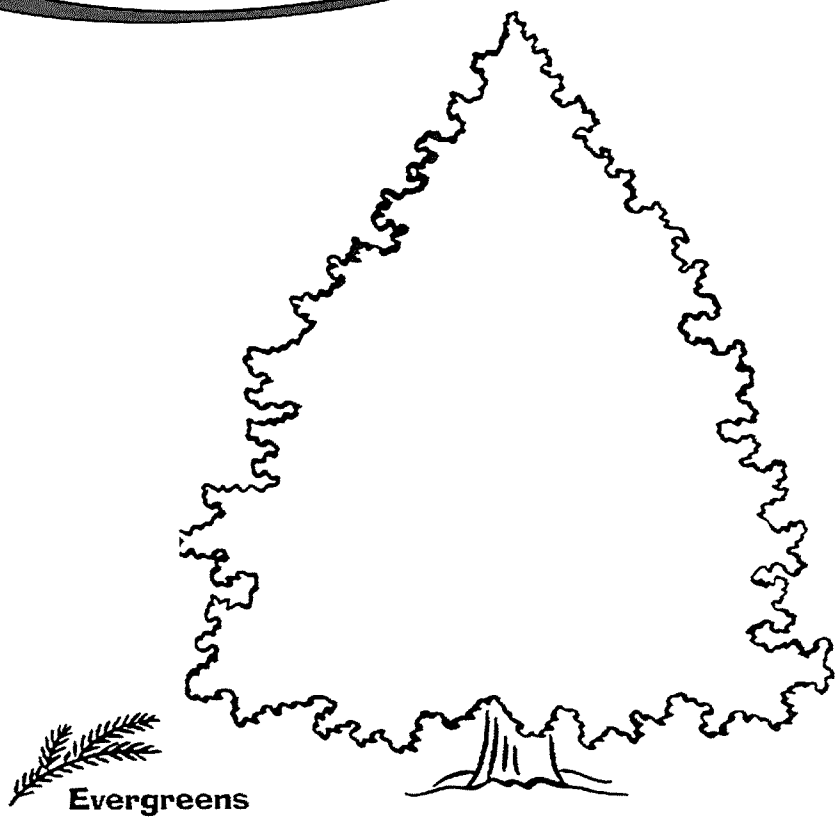

Evergreens

Evergreen needles stay green all year long. The green of the Advent wreath reminds us that God loves us in winter, spring, summer, and fall—always. Many of us decorate our homes and churches with evergreens to get ready for Christmas. Draw ornaments on this evergreen tree to remind you to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Dear Jesus, help me get ready for your birthday by filling my home with reminders of your love. Amen