

# First Baptist Church of York



**December 10, 2017**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*W*E THANK THEE,  
AND *praise* THY  
*glorious*  
*name.*

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# TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

FOR YOUR COMFORT During the worship service, if the temperature is cooler than you like, you are welcome to borrow one of the knit shawls provided in the coat room. Please remember to leave the shawl behind after the service.

**Worship Leader:** Daryl H

**Prelude:**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

(arr. Hayes)

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)**

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

(Hymn #153)

**"And We All Bow Down"**

(By Lenny LeBlanc. ©2002 Integrity's Hosanna!  
Music and LensSongs Publishing)

And we all bow down.  
Kings will surrender their crowns  
And worship Jesus,  
For He is the love, unfailing love,  
He is the love of God.

He's the Light of the world.  
He's the King of all kings,  
He's the Lord of all lords.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Ministry of Music:**

### **"Advent Noel"**

(Page & Shafferman)

- The Choir

- Evie S, Jenn B,  
Carrie Y - Handbells

*(After the Ministry of Music, all children ages 4 - 2nd grade are dismissed to children's worship.)*

## **Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God**

## **Offertory:**

### **"like a child"**

(Damon)

- Jackie S

## Song of Worship:

### **"In Christ Alone"**

(By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend. ©2002 Thankyou Music)

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all and all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God, in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world, by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand!

*(After the Song of Worship, all children ages 3rd grade and up are dismissed to children's worship.)*

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 10:13-16

## **Message From God's Word**

**Song of Response & Invitation:** (You are extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. By coming to the front of the room as we sing, you will enable us to speak with you about this decision. Also, if you desire to join with this church as a member, you are invited to come forward.)

**"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

(see insert)

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude:**

**"Creator of the Stars of Night"**

(Johnson)



Prayer Chain

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

Rich D, Shirley D, Tina D, Esther D,  
Charles G, Erik H, Alice M, Jean M,  
Gloria N, Preston O, Tristan S, Jeanette S,  
Dr. Bill S, Don & Diane S,  
Paul S, Buddy W, Grace W, India Bible Literature,  
direction for our Children and Youth program, our Military,  
our President and other elected officials, those affected by  
disastrous and tragic recent events worldwide

**VIPS:**

Lamar & Janet F, Flo L, Marcus M, Jean M,  
Ken & Etta\* M, Dorothy R, Betty T (\*Caregiver)

**CHILDREN'S**

**WORSHIP:**

**4yrs.-2nd Grade:**

Kim S

**3rd Grade & up:**

Louise H

**NURSERY:**

Carrie Y

**BIRTHDAYS**

11 Barry A

12 Ed N

15 Ben A

15 Russell H

**COOKIE VISITORS:**

Daryl & Patsy H

**MISSIONARY**

**BIRTHDAYS**

10 Ivy Wu - East Asia

15 Bill Clemmer -  
South Sudan

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

*featuring a holiday feast and festivities is happening today after the worship service in The Gathering Place. Listen for an announcement to be made with instructions for moving downstairs for this special event.*



**DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT** we light a new candle in the Advent wreath each Sunday. Today we add the light of the Faith candle to the Hope candle that was lighted last week. Please take home the prayer reading provided in today's bulletin to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday, when we will light the pink Joy candle.

***LADIES:*** *Anyone who would like to join the **Secret Sisters**, please sign up using one of the forms located on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Completed forms need to be placed on the Women's Ministry table or handed to one of the committee members by **December 24<sup>th</sup>**.*

***POINSETTIAS THAT WERE PURCHASED*** *in honor or memory of someone will be on display in the sanctuary beginning next Sunday. If you plan to attend the Christmas Eve candle-lighting, kindly leave them until after that service. If not, please take only your poinsettias home following the morning worship service on Christmas Eve. Thank you!*

***THE GOLDEN GANG*** *will enjoy a luncheon on **Thursday, December 21 at 12 noon**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex.*

***THE CHOIRS*** *of First Baptist church will minister at LifePath on **Friday, December 22 at 8:00pm**.*

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Bring joy to the world, or at least to some people in our church family, by going out to sing Christmas carols **next Sunday, December 17**. We will meet at the church at **5:30pm** to plan out our routes. Please bring some Christmas cookies/dessert to share when we meet back at the church later.

**RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES:** During December we will be taking our annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Since the RMMO began in 1977, it has helped provide much needed "thank you" checks to retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and families - those who have dedicated their lives to God's service. In 2016, RMMO raised \$1,059,444, and more than 3,400 checks were distributed to recipients and their families. Please give generously to this offering as God leads you. Special giving envelopes are provided on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also include a gift along with your regular tithes and offerings by writing "RMMO" and the amount you wish to designate on your envelope.

**GIVING TREE:** Access-York, a program that seeks to eliminate domestic violence in York and offer support, education, and a safe environment for victims of such violence, is in need of socks and gloves for adult

women. Children's gloves or mittens are also needed. If you would like to donate any of these items, please hang them on the Giving Tree located at the top of the stairs in the narthex no later than Christmas Day.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE:** Alice Shaull has decided that it is time for her to retire, and we want to thank her for her many years of dedicated service for this ministry of outreach. We are now looking for a volunteer/ volunteers to take on this responsibility. The time commitment amounts to some very minimal organizing plus approximately 6 hours on the day of the drive, three times a year. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Bob M or the Church office.

**SAVE THE DATES!** The annual Church Retreat is scheduled for **March 2-4, 2018**, at beautiful Camp Hebron. Our leader will be Rev. Kevin Walden.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Updated copies can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please inform the church office if you notice any errors or have any revisions to report.

**MINISTRY LEADERS:** If you are responsible for scheduling group events or for coordinating Sunday morning volunteers, please remember to share your 2018 plans with the church office as soon as you have them. Thank you!

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED** of nursery attendants, a Sunday school teacher for the grades 3-5 class, and a Director of Children and Youth. Please contact Dustin H if you would like to serve or explore the possibility of serving in any of these ways.

**AMAZON SMILE:** When you're shopping on Amazon this holiday season, you can help support First Baptist Church by using the Amazon Smile program. IT'S EASY! Here's how:

- Log into Amazon, but use [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of plain old Amazon.com
- Sign in using your regular user ID and password
- Click on the button to select a charity
- Type in "First Baptist Church" in the space to search for us

- Select "First Baptist Church" (NOT York First Baptist Church – that one is in SC)
- 0.5% of your spending on Amazon Smile will be donated to FBCOY!!

If you save these settings, **a portion of all your future purchases will come to the church** PROVIDED you go to smile.Amazon.com when logging in.

**SEVERAL LOCAL CHURCHES** are hosting various holiday events featuring music and drama. Please check the hallway bulletin board for more information.

**PRAYER THOUGHT:** For the mercy O Lord that You have for me, I approach Your throne of grace, to glorify Your Name and say Hallelujah God Almighty, Living King, for the opportunity to live until this day. I celebrate for one more day Your mercies and that the main expression of Your love became flesh and walked with us, so I could be saved. O Great Lord how big and unexplainable is Your love for me! It cannot be described in human words, so I can only adore You through my obedience. Help me O Christ to forget my ways and remember that You have a better plan for me, to understand that the air that I breathe is a gift from You and nothing that I deserve. O Dear Lord help me to live each day as if it were the last, to serve You and share Your word with others as You shared salvation through Your beloved son, Jesus. I pray O Lord that I can live to believe Your word, without hesitation, without fear, and be ready to see Your face when You decide to return. I pray in Jesus name, Amen!

(by Mercedes A)



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**December 10-16**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:10am	Prayer
	10:30am	Worship
Following the worship service		Annual Christmas Feast and Festivities

<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm	Youth Group
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<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Class Christmas Banquet at Perkins

<b>Thursday</b>	6:30pm	Jubilee Ringers Rehearsal
	7:45pm	Choir Rehearsal

**Advent Calendar:**

<b>December 17</b>	5:30 pm	Christmas Caroling
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<b>December 24</b>	10:30am	Christmas Eve Morning Service and Children's Pageant
	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Candle-lighting

***Sunday School and Worship Service will be held at the usual times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.***



Retired  
Ministers &  
Missionaries  
Offering  
2017

# Generous Congregations

***“But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.”***

— Isaiah 32:8 NLT

The roots of Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) go back to the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses within their churches. In 1977, RMMO was formally established to continue in this long-standing tradition.

The offering commemorates the 1981 gift of a Vietnamese refugee woman who, not knowing the full intent of the offering, but understanding the words “thank you” printed on the RMMO offering envelope, slipped off her only possession of value—her wristwatch—and placed it in the envelope. The anonymous gift reflects the spirit of thankfulness and generosity of the widow’s offering that Jesus spoke of in Luke 21:1-4.



***“We are motivated to be generous, knowing that these people gave themselves to the work, to the Lord, they still continue to serve, they still give, they are still ready to be called when needed. We have a responsibility on the part of the Lord to attend to their needs.”***

— Rev. Carmen Cecilia Adames Vázquez,  
Lead Pastor, Primera Iglesia Bautista de Carolina  
(Recipient of the 2015 Widow’s Mite Award)

JESUS & THE CHILDREN  
Mark 10:13-16; John 1:10-13  
December 10, 2017

*Jesus welcomed the little children.* (Mark 10:13-16)

You must welcome children.

You must bless them like Jesus did.

*Jesus said that a child's faith is what God desires.* (Matthew 18:1-5)

You must come to God as a child.

Jesus will use your childlike faith to do great things.

Offer praise. (Matthew 21:14-17)

Offer material gifts. (John 6:5-14)

*Do not not stand in the way of a child's faith.* (Matthew 18:6)

*Jesus healed many children.*

(Matthew 9:18-26; 15:21-28; 17:14-18; Luke 7:11-15; John 4:46-53)

There are some differences in these stories.

There are some things in common.

What do we learn about Jesus?

What do we learn about following Jesus?

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