


COMING SOON

 **January 11 & 18 — 10:45-Noon**  
**“MEET FIRST BAPTIST” FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS (Room 215)**  
The 2nd and 3rd session of the three part introduction to life at FBC Anderson. Every church (like every person) has a unique personality and distinctive ways of doing things. These sessions are designed as an opportunity to get better acquainted and to answer questions you may have- whether you have been coming here for a while or whether you have just started attending; whether you have recently joined or are just exploring possibilities of uniting with our church. Please contact Sharon in the church office by calling (864-224-1622) or email [sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org](mailto:sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org)), or contact Jim Wooten directly by texting (843-271-7520) or by email ([wootenj83@gmail.com](mailto:wootenj83@gmail.com)) to let us know you plan to attend.

 **January 10 - 9:00-10:30 AM**  
**CLUSTER ORGANIZATIONAL & ORIENTATION MEETING**

 **January 11 - 9:30 AM**  
**DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE**  
Shelby Clardy, Corry Lathrop, and Steven Smith

 **January 25 - 10:30 AM**  
**CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
The January Church Conference will not include a luncheon due to the unavailability of our caterer. To ensure the conference concludes in a timely manner and allows everyone time for lunch, Sunday School will not meet that day. The conference will be held at **10:30 AM**, immediately following the morning worship service.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING**  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
& CBF Global Missions Offering  
Given to date: \$1855

YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Lunch and Ice Skating at the Pavilion in Greenville  
Sunday, January 11 - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

RSVP to Elana Roach (864-940-4199)  
or Shelby Clardy 864-376-8698

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



**Thursday, January 15**  
**Noon in the Fellowship Hall**

**DISCOVERING LOCAL WILDLIFE WITH SHAWN HANNA (DNR)**

**Menu:**  
Taco Soup, Corn Muffin, Garden Salad, and Caramel Cake  
Call the Church Office to sign up by 3:00 PM on January 8.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY



**MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY**  
**January 27—10:00 AM**  
**In the Bridal Suite**

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Wednesday, January 7**
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
  - 5:45 PM Children’s Music and Missions Youth Group (Gym)
  - 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Youth “Homework & Hangout” (Gym)
- Thursday, January 8**  
The Beacon Published
- Saturday, January 10**
- 9:00 AM Cluster Organizational and Orientation Meeting
- Sunday, January 11**
- 9:30 AM Worship/Deacon Ordination
  - 10:30 AM Sunday School
  - 10:45 AM Meet FBC Session 2 (Room 215)
  - 11:30 AM Youth and Children Ice Skating (Greenville)

MEMBERS IN ACTION

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**Offertory Prayer:** Charlie Campbell  
**Visitor Outreach:** Al Whitney  
**Children’s Worship:** Children will remain in the service.  
**Security:** Charlie Campbell and Vince Rutledge



# FIRST BAPTIST

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Welcome

**January 4, 2026**

**Welcomel**

We’re so grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to engage fully in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this congregation has gathered in response to God’s presence among us—worship is at the heart of who we are. It defines us, unites us, and brings us joy as we gather together in God’s name.

Whether you’re a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we’re glad you’re here. Our prayer is that you encounter God in a meaningful way during our time of worship.

If you’re a first-time guest, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located on the back of the pew. You can use it to join our mailing list, share a prayer request, or reach out to our staff with any questions. If you’re exploring your faith, we’re here to walk alongside you and help you discover more about Christianity, our church, and what it means to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We’re so glad you’ve joined us today. May you experience God’s love and grace in a powerful way this morning.

**Serving Today**

**Offertory Prayer:**  
Chad Walker

**Visitor Outreach:**  
Leslie Walker

**Children’s Worship:**  
Timothy Clardy and Lucia Wilson

**Security:**  
Charlie Ballentine 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](https://www.facebook.com/andersonfbc) and a dollar amount to 73256.

\*Please stand if able.

Welcome

Thomas Roach

Prelude

*Shepherd's Noel*

J. Wayne Kerr

Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Hymn No. 395

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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Responsive Reading

Thomas Roach

Leader: As a new year begins, we pause to remember the road behind us.

**People: With gratitude, we recall the ways in which You have cared for us and shaped us.**

Leader: Yet we do not dwell on what is past.

**People: We press on toward what lies ahead.**

Leader: With hopeful anticipation, we turn our eyes to the future You are unfolding.

**People: Guide us, O God, as You have guided us before.**

Leader: Give us receptive hearts and willing spirits to follow where You lead.

**People: Trusting Your call, we step forward into this new year with You.**

**All: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.**

Invocation

Thomas Roach

\*Song of Praise and Worship

*Angels We Have Heard on High* - arr. D. Chapman

Praise Team

Offertory Prayer

Chad Walker

Offertory Music

*O Holy Night*

Chip Davis

Jamie Smith, Trumpeter

Praising God For His Gifts To Us

OLD 100th

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Anthem

*How Great Our Joy*

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy, how great our joy.

There shall be born, so did he say, In Bethlehem a Child today.

How great our joy, how great our joy.

There shall a Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Praise we the Lord, praise we the Lord in heaven on high.

How great our joy.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Morning Prayer

Susan Reed

*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.

Scripture

**Matthew 2:13-23**

(Pew Bible Page 956)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"Out of Egypt"**

Jim Wooten

\*Hymn No. 301

*I Am Resolved*

RESOLUTION

Benediction

Jim Wooten

Postlude

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

## Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. Our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

## 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.