

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY



**Christmas Candlelight  
Communion**  
December 23, 2025 - 7:00 PM

*Many say the Candlelight Communion Service is their favorite of the year. We hope you will join us and that you will get the word to family, friends and neighbors so they too may enjoy the wonder and beauty of this special time of fellowship and worship. Be sure to share the Facebook post.*

*This year the Christmas Offering that will be taken in the service will go directly to our Benevolence Fund which helps meet the needs throughout the year of those who may face serious and unforeseen financial challenges. What better time than Christmas to think of those among us who may need a helping hand!*



**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28  
GUEST PASTOR, REV. KEN DILL**

Rev. Ken Dill is an ordained elder in the Wesleyan Church. He has pastored in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He recently retired from Southern Wesleyan University where he was the University Chaplain for 34 years. He is the mayor elect of the town of Central and will take office in January. Donna Nelson was his sister-in-law and many of you may have heard his moving eulogy for her at her memorial service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



**Lennon Blaire Hall**

**December 10, 2025**

**8 lbs. 6 oz. 20 in.**

**Proud Parents:** Justin and Blaire Hall

**Siblings:** Saylor, Hudson, and Parker

**The rosebud on the pulpit today is placed  
in celebration of the birth of Lennon.**

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
& CBF Global Missions Offering

Given to date: \$1580

YOUTH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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



PLEASE NOTE



All end of the year gifts should be turned in or postmarked before **Wednesday, December 31**, to be counted in the 2025 year. If you have any questions please contact Lesley Hudgins in the FBC Church Office.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

**Tuesday, December 23**  
Church Office Closed  
7:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Communion  
**Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
Church Office Closed  
**Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
Church Office Closed  
**Sunday, December 28**  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School

MEMBERS IN ACTION

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**Offertory Prayer:** Tom Allen  
**Visitor Outreach:** Greg Shore  
**Children's Worship:** Tracey Ramsey and Liz Marvin  
**Security:** Wes Wallace and Chad Walker



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*Welcome*

**December 21, 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**



**Serving Today**

**Offertory Prayer:**  
Ann Self

**Visitor Outreach:**  
Marie Turner

**Children's Worship:**  
Elana Roach and Aaron Wimpey

**Security:**  
Terry Atkins and Thomas Roach

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

## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

<b>Prelude</b> 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.	Welcome	Alan Oxendine
	Prelude	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily On High</i> arr. Cindy Blevins Nichole Niemeyer, Flautist and Sara Kate Smith, Violinist
	Chiming of the Trinity	
	*Hymn No. 85	<i>The First Nowell</i> THE FIRST NOWELL
<b>Advent Wreath</b>  The Advent wreath is a visual way of marking the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a simple circle of evergreen branches, a sign of life without end. Four Advent candles encircle a central Christ Candle. In our wreath, there are three purple candles and one rose candle, which is lit on the third Sunday in Advent to signify the joy that is soon to come.	<b>LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT:</b> <b>LIGHTING THE SHEPHERDS’ CANDLE - LOVE</b> <b>Sallie Carter</b>  Leader: Today we light the Shepherds’ Candle of Love, the light of God reaching out to all people.  <b>People: Its warm glow reminds us of God’s immeasurable compassion for the lost, the lonely, the hurting.</b>  Leader: Lowly shepherds, keeping watch over their sheep by night, heard the call of grace and went to worship.  <b>People: Their simple faith reminds us that love finds us where we are.</b>  Leader: Magi in distant lands, searching the skies for a sign, followed a star toward hope.  <b>People: From every place and every path, we are drawn by God’s love.</b>  Leader: People from every walk of life, we answer love’s call to live in new ways.  <b>People: Guided by Christ, who comes as God’s gift to us all.</b>  Leader: We light the Shepherd’s Candle, rejoicing in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.	
	Invocation	Alan Oxendine
	*Songs of Parise and Worship	Praise Team
	<i>Our God (O Come All Ye Faithful)</i> - Tomlin	

\*Please stand if able.

Offertory Prayer		Ann Self
Offertory Music	<i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i>	arr. Albin C. Whitworth
Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100th
	<i>Doxology</i>  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	<i>Silent Night</i> Sanctuary Choir	arr. Mark Hayes
	(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)	
Morning Prayer		Danny Hoard
	<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>  <b>Our Father</b> 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	<b>Luke 2:1-18</b> (Pew Bible Page 1014)	
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>People:</b> <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon	<b>“God on the Fringes”</b>	Jim Wooten
*Hymn No. 93	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	CAROL
Benediction		Jim Wooten
Postlude	<i>O Blessed Emmanuel</i> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	J. S. Bach

**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.