

## COMING SOON



### January 4, 11, & 18 — 10:45-Noon “MEET FIRST BAPTIST” FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS (Room 215)

A three-session 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: \$1680

## 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

## 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

**Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**  
No regularly scheduled activities

**Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day**  
Church Office Closed

**Sunday, January 4**  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Meet FBC Session 1 (Room 215)

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Offertory Prayer: Chad Walker

Visitor Outreach: Leslie Walker

Children's Worship: Timothy Clardy and Lucia Wilson

Security: Charlie Ballentine and Dale Ellenburg



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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# Welcome

December 28, 2025



# CHRISTMASTIDE

### Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:  
Tom Allen

Visitor Outreach:  
Greg Shore

Children's Worship:  
Tracey Ramsey and Liz Marvin

Security:  
Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

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

## Christmastide

<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	Joe Drennon
Prelude	<b><i>Break Forth Into Joy</i></b> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	J. S. Bach
Chiming of the Trinity		
*Hymn No. 89	<b><i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i></b>	ADESTE FIDELIS
Responsive Reading		Joe Drennon
	Leader: The beginning of the good news is not noise or spectacle, but a call to prepare the way. <b>People: We prepare our hearts, making room for God’s peace to enter.</b>	
	Leader: John came in the wilderness, calling people to turn toward a new way of living. <b>People: We turn from what divides us and walk toward peace.</b>	
	Leader: In the waters of repentance, old burdens were released and new hope was born. <b>People: We let go of what weighs us down and receive the gift of peace.</b>	
	Leader: One greater than John was coming, bringing more than words—bringing God’s Spirit. <b>People: We open ourselves to be shaped by the Spirit of peace.</b>	
	<b>ALL: As people of peace, we prepare the way of the Lord—living with humility, hope, and love.</b>	
Invocation		Joe Drennon
*Hymn No. 103	<b><i>Away in a Manger</i></b>	INNOCENTS
*Hymn No. 100	<b><i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i></b>	GLORIA
Offertory Prayer		Tom Allen
Offertory Music	<b><i>Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head</i></b>	arr. Albin C. Whitworth

\*Please stand if able.

Praising God For His Gifts To Us		OLD 100th
	<b><i>Doxology</i></b>	
	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	
	(Children please exit for Children’s Worship at this time.)	
Morning Prayer		Phyllis Cooper
	<i>Prayer concludes by saying in unison:</i>	
	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	<b>Mark 1:1-8</b> (Pew Bible Page 990)	Rev. Ken Dill
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. <b>People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>	
Sermon	<b>“People of Peace”</b>	Rev. Ken Dill
*Hymn No. 96	<b><i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i></b>	IN DULCI JUBILO
Choral Benediction	<b><i>Hallelujah</i></b> Sanctuary Choir	G. F. Handel
Postlude	<b><i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i></b> Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist	arr. John Innes

**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.