

FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 AM SERVICE
December 26, 2021

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Congregational Call to Worship Hymn 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come | ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Congregational Hymn 120

Emmanuel | MCGEE

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

Welcome | Pam Neal

Congregational Hymn 124

The First Nowell | THE FIRST NOEL

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
The wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood human kind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Children's Sermon | Pam Neal

Congregational Hymn 126

Angels from the Realms of Glory | REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God on earth is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Scripture Reading (Matthew 2:13-15) | Pam Neal

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,
¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Congregational Hymn 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the ever-lasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Special Music | Sarah Kitts, solo

Noel | Tomlin/Cash/Redman

Love incarnate, love divine,
Star and angels gave the sign.
Bow to babe on bended knee,
The Savior of humanity.
Unto us a Child is born.
He shall reign forevermore.

Noel, Noel! Come and see what God has done!
Noel, Noel! The story of amazing love!
The light of the world given for us.
Noel.

Son of God and Son of man,
There before the world began.
Born to suffer, born to save,
Born to raise us from the grave.
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
He shall reign forevermore

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Sermon | Chuck Powell

Now What? | Matthew 2:13-15

Hymn of Invitation 132

It Came upon the Midnight Clear | CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lonely plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the heavenly angels sing.

All ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Pam Neal

Spoken Benediction | Pam Neal

Sung Benediction Hymn 143

Go Tell It on the Mountain | GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!
The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lowly manger, The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation, That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

SERMONNOTES

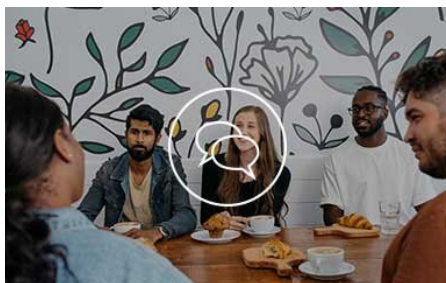
SPOTLIGHT ON

ALPHA COURSE THE BASICS OF FAITH

In January, our church will host a new opportunity to help new people come to faith in Christ and strengthen existing believers in the basics of faith. Alpha is a series of video and discussion sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.

Alpha runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes — you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: food, a talk, and good conversation.

Starting Sunday, January 9, Alpha will run for 12 weeks each Sunday from 4-5:30 pm. The location is the Cansler YMCA community room. You can visit alphausa.org to learn more. If you'd like to register, visit fbcknox.org/alpha, and if you're interested in joining the Alpha volunteer leadership team, email Pastor Brent at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Woodlawn Christian Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Woodlawn Christian Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they strive to be fully devoted disciples, using their gifts to influence others to grow closer to Christ and truly represent the Kingdom of God.



COMMUNITY

Best Wishes to Regan Edonmi

This week we are sad to say Goodbye to Regan Edonmi, who has served First Baptist so well as a Ministry Assistant. Regan's last day in the office was Thursday, December 23rd. We will miss Regan and the excellent job she did for us, and we wish her well in her new position. Until the position is filled, please contact Vanessa at vmoores@fbcknox.org or Pam at pneal@fbcknox.org with any questions or other needs such as prayer needs.



COMMUNITY

End-of-Year Giving

Through December 31

The church offices are open to receive year-end gifts through December 31, at 5 pm. You may, however, continue to make contributions until midnight through our online giving portal: give.fbcknox.org. Any gift given before this date will count toward your 2021 charitable giving tax deduction. We are grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family. Your giving makes a difference!



DISCIPLESHIP

Wednesday Activities and Bible Study

Resumes Wednesday, January 12

Wednesday night activities have concluded for this year. Adult Bible Study, Wednesday Night Supper, and Children and Youth activities will resume once again on January 12. See you next year!!



COMMUNITY

Discover First

Sunday, January 9, 9:45 am | 230 Centre

Something brand new is coming in January. For those who are thinking about becoming members of First Baptist or have joined recently, Discover First will be the place to be on January 9, at 9:45 am, in 230 Centre. Perhaps you have been attending First Baptist for a while but just aren't sure what it means to join the church. The class will include information about First Baptist, the staff, a brief history, and include a booklet of information as well as a book on church membership. If you would like to know more about First Baptist and church membership, join us on January 9th for Discover First. Please RSVP to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Care First Ministry Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 9, 12:15 pm | 230 Centre

First Baptist is launching a brand new outreach ministry in the Spring of 2022 that will provide essential resources such as showers and food to those experiencing homelessness downtown. Volunteers will be responsible for giving out food, helping to facilitate showers, and most importantly, building relationships with ministry guests. This ministry will operate from 5-7 pm one night each week. For more information, please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Three Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

- National: Join the mission trip to Corbin, Kentucky to serve alongside CBF Field Personnel, Scarlett Jasper - **February 16-18**
- Local: Join the FBC Home Repair Ministry Team that will serve with Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City, Tennessee - **June 6-10**
- International: Serve alongside missionaries Francis and Missy Ward Angalla in Kampala, Uganda - **Fall 2022**

For more information, please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Winter Women's Fest

Saturday, January 15, 2 pm | Trentham Hall

Bring your favorite chocolate dish to share, and join us for fun games and fellowship. It has been a while since the women of our church have been able to gather, so we invite you (and a friend) to come and have some fun. Let us reignite our connections and create new ones to strengthen the bonds we have in one another and in Christ. For questions or suggestions, please contact Jen McDougal at 214-205-4701.



COMMUNITY

Season of Prayer & Offerings for International Missions

Thank you for supporting International Missions with your prayers and offerings. God created us to work together, to help each other, and to be there for each other. In these ever-changing and uncertain times, the presence of missionaries and field personnel ministering around the world has never been more important. Your support of International Missions is vital in sharing the scriptures about the Messiah and bringing Good News in word and deed to the people most marginalized by the world. Last year, FBC contributed \$18,705.16, and this year's goal is \$23,000. Please use the respective offering envelopes for your gifts, and WMU encourages you to prayerfully support missions throughout the year! <https://wmu.com/thismonth>



MISSION

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.

	Nov '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$145,167	\$798,053	
Expenses	<u>\$158,340</u>	<u>\$753,041</u>	Worship Total 323
Excess/Deficit	\$13,173	\$45,012	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

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Coming Up This Week

Monday

Office Closed for Christmas

Tuesday

Office Closed for Christmas

Next Sunday

Regular Sunday Activities Return
(First Community, Sunday School,
11 am Service.)

VISITING?

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