

FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE



FIRST COMMUNITY
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Countdown

King of Kings

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Welcome | Susan Tatum

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Bernie Herms | Dale Oliver | Henry Wadsworth Longfellow | Mark Hall

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I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men

*And the bells are ringing (peace on earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)
In my heart I hear them, (Peace) peace on earth
Good will to men*

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth good will to men

*But the bells are ringing (peace on earth)
Like a choir singing (peace on earth)
Does anybody hear them, (Peace) peace on earth
Good will to men*

Then rang the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead nor does He sleep
(Peace on earth peace on earth)
The wrong shall fail the right prevail
With peace on earth good will to men

Then ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice a chime a chant sublime
Of peace on earth good will to men

*And the bells they're ringing (peace on earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)
And with our hearts we'll hear them, (Peace) peace on earth
Good will to men*

*Do you hear the bells they're ringing, The life the angels singing
Open up your heart and hear them, (Peace) peace on earth
Good will to men*

Peace on earth peace on earth
Peace on earth good will to men

Peace Candle Lighting | Kennie Riffey

Leader: Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

Congregation: Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Leader: Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

Congregation: Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Leader: Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

Congregation: Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Leader: Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

Congregation: Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

Peace Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading (John 1:1-5) | Pam Neal

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

God with Us

Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

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Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love

To be nearer to us

You've come to bring life to be Light

To shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior

In Your presence we find our strength

Over ev'rything our Redemption

God with us, You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world

For Your honor and name

And You've come to take sin to bear shame

And to conquer the grave

Oh Emmanuel God with us

You are here, You are holy

We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

Oh God with us, You are God with us

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Be The Light

Today's Message: The Light in the Darkness (John 1:1-5)

The Ordinance of The Lord's Supper

Be a Light

Thomas Rhett

In a time full of war, be peace
In a time full of doubt, just believe
Yeah, there ain't that much difference between you and me
In a time full of war, be peace

In a world full of hate, be a light
When you do somebody wrong, make it right
Don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine
In a world full of hate, be a light

In a place that needs a change, make a difference
In a time full of noise, just listen
'Cause life is but a breeze, better live it
In a place that needs a change, make a difference

In a world full of hate, be a light
When you do somebody wrong, make it right
Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine
In a world full of hate, be a light

In a race that you can't win, slow it down
Yeah, you only get one go around
'Cause the finish line is six feet in the ground
In a race you can't win, just slow it down

In a world full of hate, be a light
When you do somebody wrong, make it right (make it right)
Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine
In a world full of hate, be a light

Yeah, it's hard to live in color, when you just see black and white
In a world full of hate, be a light

Worship Through Offering | Tim Boone

Spoken Benediction

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes by the door.

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SERMONNOTES

"THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

JOHN 1:1-5

We live in a world that is full of darkness. Just look around and pick any area of society: the breakdown in family relationships, conflict in politics, inequities in healthcare and education, and so on. We can't agree on how to stop school shootings. Into such a world, we are asking, "Is there any light in the darkness?"

What people really want to know is, "Is there any light for *my* darkness? Is there any light that can shine on my past, present, and future so that I can live with peace?"

Jesus was God's answer to this question. Jesus is the "true light" that has come into the world.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

*"...forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."
(Luke 1:76-79, NIV)*

All of this has powerful implications for you. It means that you can have...

Peace _____ your past

We can't change the past, but God can redeem our past and use it for God's glory.

"Then I will restore to you the years that the locust swarm devoured, as did the young locust, the other locusts, and the ravaging locust, that great army of mine that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, and will be fully satisfied. You will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has performed wonders specifically for you. And my people will never be ashamed." (Joel 2:25-26, ISV)

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV)

SPOTLIGHT ON

GOLDEN NOTES MUSICAL & CHRISTMAS FUN AT FIRST BAPTIST

The First Baptist Knoxville Senior Adult "Golden Notes" Choir loves to sing and have fun! This year, the Golden Notes Christmas Musical is entitled "JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration." It's great music, accompanied by many of our FBC musicians and band members. The Golden Notes have invited Chuck Powell and some of our youth to help lead in worship that evening, our Children's Choir to sing, as well as Brandon and Rhonda to play some fun piano and organ Christmas duets!

Following the musical, everyone is invited to Trentham Hall for some family fun with more Christmas music from children, youth, adults, and seniors, plus some great Christmas activities like cookie decorating and crafts. Of course, we will have cookies, cider, hot chocolate, and Christmas treat bags for everyone! Bring your family and stop to take a family pic at our Christmas backdrop.

Come have some fun with your First Baptist Knoxville family and the Golden Notes Choir on Sunday, December 19, at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

Plan to make this evening a special night for your family and friends!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for South Knoxville Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up South Knoxville Baptist Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they rely on God's omnipotent strength, resources, and love to reconnect with those who live in the South Knoxville area.



COMMUNITY

Ordination of Josh Gibson

Today, December 5, 4 pm | Sanctuary

We celebrate Josh Gibson's call to the gospel ministry and have the opportunity to bless and encourage him with a special service of ordination. All are welcome and invited afterwards to a brief fellowship in the 230 Centre.



DISCIPLESHIP

Christmas Shop Reminders for Volunteers

December 5, 6, & 7 | Trentham Hall

If you are new to the Christmas Shop this year, please meet Susan in Trentham Hall immediately after the 11 am service today, December 5, for a brief orientation. If you can stay after that and help with set up, your help would be greatly appreciated!

If you are working on Monday evening, you will need to report to Trentham Hall at 4 pm. If you are working on Tuesday, you will need to report to Trentham Hall by 7 am.

A huge thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help this year!



MISSION

The WordPlayers Theatre:

In These Dark Streets

Wednesday, December 8, 6 pm | Trentham Hall

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" It's a question asked by some who wanted to worship Christ and by some who wanted to avoid His reign. This Advent, join us for "In These Dark Streets," from The WordPlayers' Theatre, which helps us consider that question and the reason why each of us asks it. The 30 minute program will be in place of our regular Bible study, and donations will be accepted at the show.



WORSHIP

Care Center Informational Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 5:00 pm | Trentham Hall

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 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm one night each week. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please meet in Trentham Hall at 5 pm for a brief meeting. For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Golden Notes & Christmas Fun at First Baptist

Sunday, December 19, 5 pm | Sanctuary

Come celebrate with the Golden Notes Choir as they present JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration by Joel Raney. Following the musical, everyone is welcome in Trentham Hall for family fun with refreshments and more Christmas music from children, youth, adults, and seniors. There will also be opportunities to make a Christmas craft, decorate cookies, and take family photos on our Christmas backdrop. Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas Fun at First Baptist.



WORSHIP

Coffee & Conversation Downtown Outreach

Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Dwell Suite

Do you like coffee (or tea)? Do you want to extend hospitality to our downtown neighbors and guests, building relationships and helping us demonstrate care? First Baptist will be offering coffee, tea, and specialty drinks free or for a donation each Thursday starting December 2. No experience making coffee necessary, but training is essential. Contact Pastor Brent with questions at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org.



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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

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith (alphausa.org)

*Sundays, 4 pm | Starts January 8, runs for 12 weeks |
Cansler YMCA Community Room*

Alpha is a series of video sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as “Who is God?” and “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” Alpha is a global movement that can look and feel different across cultures, but each gathering has the same three ingredients: food, a good talk, and conversation. All are welcome.

Register by visiting fbcknox.org/alpha. If you have a heart for reaching others in our community with the message of the gospel, then consider helping to run the Alpha course with Pastor Brent McDougal. Email bmc dougal@fbcknox.org to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

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

	Oct '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$155,947	\$652,751	Worship Total 307
Expenses	<u>\$140,240</u>	<u>\$594,566</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$15,706	\$58,186	

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Coming Up This Week

Today, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Josh Gibson Ordination

Monday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

The Christmas Shop

Tuesday, 8 am, Trentham Hall

The Christmas Shop

Wednesday, 4 pm, 302

WOM on Tuesday (Date Change)

Wednesday, 5 pm, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

WordPlayers Theatre,

Children & Youth Activities

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 10:30 am, 302

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

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