

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests who are worshipping with us. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins/hymnals and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you might have. We are very glad you are here.

The season of Advent is the first season of the Christian year and is a time of anticipation and preparation for Christ's coming. The Advent wreath symbolizes the never-ending life of Christ and contains four candles representing the gifts Christ offers: hope, peace, joy, and love. The color royal blue reminds us of the King of Kings for whom we wait.

Leaders in worship include the Adult Choir, Jack Dresback, Lucy Jones, and Emeline Pratt- acolytes, Hannah Engels- cross bearer, , and Jeanette Christian- deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at www.fbca.net on the Video page accessed through the Worship tab. Audio files of sermons are available on our website and sermons on CD can be ordered through the church office.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Mr. Tate Addis	Organist
Rev. David Blackmon	Coordinating Pastor
Rev. Tommy Bratton	Minister of Christian Formation
Rev. Leah Brown	Minister with Senior Adults
Dr. Casey Callahan	Minister with Students
Dr. Mack Dennis	Pastor
Rev. Eddie L. Morgan	Ministry Associate
Rev. Clark Sorrells	Minister of Music
Rev. Karen Sorrells	Associate Minister of Music
Rev. Amy Stertz	Minister with Children and Families



PEACE



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE
December 9, 2018 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour

Gathered in Peace

Choral Introit *The Angel Gabriel* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

*Procession Hymn 132 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

*Lighting of the Peace Candle Ben, Mandi and Merida Boyd

*Invocation Leah Brown

This day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming strengthen us to serve you with obedient and purified
lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

Hebrew Lesson Micah 5:2-8

Response 31 *Ancient Words* ANCIENT WORDS
(Stanza 1)

Epistle Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a Tommy Bratton

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day
is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

**The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness,
but is patient with us, wanting all to come to repentance.**

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away
with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire,
and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

**Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
we should be leading lives of holiness and godliness,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,**

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens
and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

**Therefore, beloved, while we are waiting for these things,
let us strive to be found by him at peace with one another,
without blemish, regarding the patience of our Lord as salvation.**

*Sharing Peace

*Hymn of Advent 107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Proclaiming the Gospel of Peace

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Brian Jones

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Response *Gloria, Hosanna In Excelsis!* BRANLE DE L'OFFICIAL



Anthem *Mary's Lullaby* John Rutter

See the child that Mary bore on her lap so softly sleeping:
In a stable cold and poor, ox and ass their vigil keeping.
Sing lullaby, my own dear son, my child; lullaby, my little baby.

Flights of angels round his head sing him joyful hymns of greeting:
Peace on earth goodwill to men, each to each the song repeating.

Shepherds kneeling by his bed offer homage without measure;
Wise men, by a bright star led, bring him gifts of richest treasure.

Sermon *What Kind of Greeting Is This?* Mack Dennis

Committing to Peace

*Hymn of Response 92 *Young Mary Lived in Nazareth* BALLAD OF MARY

Response through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Coventry Carol* with *Sarabande* Martin/Handel

*Hymn of Dedication 131 *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM
(Stanza 4)

*Prayer of Dedication Jeanette Christian

Opportunities for Continued Service

Recession *Fugue and Hymn on Ave Maris Stella* Flor Peeters
Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.