

## This Week at FBR

### Sunday, December 3

9:45 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
4:30 PM	Personnel Committee	(259)
5:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	(357)
5:30 PM	Children's Music Rehearsals	(201, 202, 203)
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	(302)
6:00 PM	Christmas at First: Children's & Youth Music Presentation	(Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Christmas Sampler Reception	(Gym)

### Monday, December 4

8:00 AM	BSF Leader Meeting & Fellowship	(Joyhouse)
10:00 AM	History Committee Meeting	(316)

### Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM	BSF	(Sanctuary)
10:00 AM	Women on Mission	(Joyhouse)
7:00 PM	Jubilee Ringers	(313)

### Wednesday, December 6

5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	(Gym)
5:00 PM	Mimosa Brass	(GT3B)
6:30 PM	Missionary Speaker	(Chapel)
6:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
6:30 PM	Passport to the World	(102, 258)
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)

### Thursday, December 7

No Planned Activities

### Friday, December 8

No Planned Activities

### Saturday, December 9

9:00 AM	Christmas at First - Bonus Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
9:00 AM	Elf Workshop	(Gym)
6:00 PM	Youth Christmas Party	(Offsite)

### Sunday, December 10

9:45 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
12:00 PM	Music & Worship Adult Christmas Luncheon	(Gym)
5:00 PM	Missions Committee Meeting	(357)
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	(302)

Finance Report	October 2022	October 2023
Budget year-to-date	\$1,999,644	\$2,036,815
Income year-to-date	<u>\$1,622,107</u>	<u>\$1,523,856</u>
Income over (under) budget	(377,537)	(512,959)
Income year-to-date	\$1,622,107	\$1,523,856
Expense year-to-date	<u>\$1,793,781</u>	<u>\$1,769,714</u>
Income over (under) expense	(171,674)	(245,858)

This will be our last Wednesday Night Dinner for this year.  
Dinners will resume January 10th

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**Adults:** Honey Glaze Chicken, Petit Steak, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Green Peas, Roll, Salad Bar, Dessert

**Children (12 and under):** Chicken Tenders, Pizza, Vegetable, Chips, Dessert

All dinner guests, please make a reservation online (reference *Quick Links* and *Dinner*) or fill out the white card in the pew rack and place in offering plate. *Adults \$9, Children \$6, Family \$35*



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# The Act of Worship: The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

Eleven o'clock

*"A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;  
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.  
A barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine."*

Richard Wilbur

## Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Gathering Music Concert Mimosa Brass  
**"Angels We Have Heard On High"** - 18<sup>th</sup> Century French Carol (3:33)  
**"The Huron Carol"** - 16<sup>th</sup> Century French Melody (3:06)  
**"Veni, Veni Emmanuel"** (3:30)  
**"Gaudete! Christus est natus"** - 16<sup>th</sup> Century Carol (2:30)  
arr. Todd Marchand

Welcome Rev. Robert Turnbull

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship **"Advent Awaits"** Rev. David Warren

Leader: *What will set us journeying in search of the Christ this Advent?*

**People: How far are we prepared to go out of our way to look for the signs of His coming, and to prepare a path?**

Leader: *How will we travel through this season?*

**People: Will we be burdened by responsibilities and tasks, loaded with others' expectations, overwhelmed by their needs? Will we be full of joy or weary of grief?**

Leader: *What will guide our steps in these weeks?*

**People: Will we follow a thread of longing, the hint of an alternative pathway, the words and music of the gathered community?**

Leader: *Sisters and brothers in Christ, Advent awaits us.*

**People: Let us place our feet on the road and begin the journey. May we find in familiar words, rituals and customs the birth of the new thing that awaits us.**

\*Hymn of Praise # 94 REGENT SQUARE  
**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

*On the final stanza, all children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.*

Children's Sermon **"Hope"** Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec

Reflection in Song **"The Huron Carol"** 16th Century French Melody  
Mimosa Brass arr. Todd Marchand

*O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace and joy.  
"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria."*

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9** Rev. Logan Carpenter

<sup>1</sup> Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! <sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! <sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. <sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? <sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. <sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. <sup>8</sup> Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

This is the word of God, for the people of God:

**Thanks be to God!**

Advent Wreath Hymn Sally Ahner

**"The Advent Candle Song"**



Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope The McBride Family

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Video

\*Hymn of Giving **"Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us"** HARLAN  
*(See bulletin insert)*  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

Offertory Prayer Rev. Logan Carpenter

Offertory **"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"** Antonio Vivaldi  
Chancel Choir  
Ben DuBose, trumpet  
  
*Gloria in Excelsis Deo.*

Sermon **Advent Endings and Beginnings** Dr. Greg DeLoach  
**"An Old Man Giving Up"**  
**Luke 1:8-20 NRSV**

<sup>8</sup> Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. <sup>10</sup> Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup> Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many

will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup> Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

\*Hymn of Response # 86 ST. LOUIS  
**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Sharing of Decisions Dr. DeLoach

\*Benediction Dr. DeLoach

\*Congregational Response # 462 MALOTTE  
**"The Lord's Prayer"**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Organ Postlude David Lasky  
**Variations and Toccata on "I Saw Three Ships"**  
Rev. Jane Martin

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*Special thanks to the Mimosa Brass  
(Ben DuBose, trumpet; Craig Sprinkle, trumpet; Tim Donehoo, french horn;  
Scott Rogers, trombone; Tom Loadholt, tuba) for leading in worship today.*

## Guests

Welcome to First Baptist Roswell. We hope you find our worship reverent, our ministries sincere, and our fellowship warm. If you need assistance, contact an usher. Please make note of opportunities for worship, ministry, and fellowship listed on this service order and on the Announcement insert. Please stop by the Welcome Wall at the Sanctuary entrance and pick up a Welcome Folder. We have childcare available for infants - kindergartners on the first floor of our Education building. Our ushers will be happy to direct you.

## Service Broadcasting and Recording

The 11:00 AM Worship Service is broadcast live each week and recordings of the full service and sermons can be viewed on our church website: [www.fbroswell.org](http://www.fbroswell.org) under Quick Links, Live Broadcast. CD/DVD are also available. Please contact the church office to request a CD/DVD. If you would like to share Dr. Greg DeLoach's message from last week with a friend, please order: **"Entitlement or Thanksgiving"**.

## Announcements

December 3, 2023

**Advent Gathering Music Concerts:** Join us each Sunday of Advent at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary, for a 15-minute concert during the Gathering Music featuring our church music ensembles. Don't miss these *Christmas at First* events.

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**Children & Youth Music Presentation:** Our children and youth Christmas music presentation is tonight at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. Hear the voices of our children and youth as they share the music of the season, culminating in the storied tradition of the singing of *O Holy Night* with our Chancel Choir.

**Christmas Sampler:** Don't miss our annual Christmas Sampler, following the children and youth music service. Bring a favorite sweet or savory Christmas treat to share. Drop off all treats in the gym prior to the service.

**Advent Devotional:** Amidst the busyness of the upcoming holiday season, you are invited to deepen your faith experience this Advent with the devotional book, *In the Manger*. Pick up a copy of *In the Manger* by Max Lucado outside the Sanctuary doors, and every day in December, spend a few minutes in this devotional book to help you focus on the true reason for the season. A \$5 donation for the book is requested, but not required.

**MUST Neighborhood Pantry on Mimosa:** The Mimosa pantry, located at Roswell United Methodist Church, is tomorrow. Volunteers are still needed for donation organization (12:30 to 3 PM) and distribution (4 to 7 PM). Visit the Events page on our website for complete details and to sign up.

**Women on Mission** meet this Tuesday, December 5 in the Joyhouse at 10:30 AM. Come early at 10 to work on a mission project. A Cracker Barrel luncheon follows the meeting.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** Join us this Wednesday, December 6 for our last evening of activities in 2023. Fellowship with us for dinner, served from 5 to 6:30, followed by a missionary presentation. In recognition of the week of prayer for global missions, meet in the Chapel at 6:30 PM and hear from International Mission Board missionaries Joshua and Megan Hill. Children will meet for their regularly scheduled activities.

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**Elf Workshop:** There's still time to sign up for Elf Workshop on Saturday, December 9, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children will make gifts, enjoy a pizza lunch, and watch a Christmas movie. Open to children aged 4 to grade 5. Visit the Events page on our website to sign up.

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**Youth Christmas Party:** Save the date for the youth Christmas party on Saturday, December 9 at the home of Flynn and Wade Chappell. Bring a gift, valued between \$10 and \$15, for a gift exchange. Visit the Events page on our website to sign up.

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**The Grace Project–Angel Tree:** Pick up your angels from our Angel Giving Tree, located by the Information Center. Drop off unwrapped items in collection bins or at the church office by December 10. Wish list items are also included on the Events page on our website.

**Christmas at First: Hope, Love, Peace & Joy:** Join us on December 17 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for this music presentation featuring our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Jubilee Ringers, and the Church Orchestra. This 80-minute presentation, woven together through pastoral narrations, congregational singing, and carols old and new, all accompanied by a dramatic visual display of lighting effects, will be a worshipful event you don't want to miss! Childcare provided for children kindergarten-aged and younger.

**College Christmas Party:** College students, mark your calendars for a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20 at the home of Eric and Kim House. Dinner and festivities begin at 6 PM. Bring a gift (\$10 to \$15 value) for a gift exchange.

**Christmas Offering:** Give a special gift this holiday season to support missions around the world. We have two giving options: the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the CBF Global Missions Offering. One hundred percent of your donation supports global missions.

**Year-End Giving:** With the end of one year and the start of another, we pause to give thanks for your generous gifts throughout the year. As you prayerfully consider year-end giving, please visit the Events section of our website for giving options and deadlines to ensure 2023 tax credit.

**Ladies Book Club:** Ladies, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 28. Meet in the Parlor, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, to discuss the book *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. Don't have the book? Stop by the Media Center and reserve a copy today. All ladies welcome.

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**DNow:** Disciple Now is January 26 through 28, 2024. Youth, join us for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and fun. Event cost is \$150. Register online today. Youth are encouraged to bring friends.