

## This Week at FBR

### Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 6:30 PM Christmas at First: "Hope, Love, Peace & Joy" (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 18

No Planned Activities

### Tuesday, December 19

No Planned Activities

### Wednesday, December 20

6:00 PM College Christmas Party (Offsite)

### Thursday, December 21

No Planned Activities

### Friday, December 22

No Planned Activities

### Saturday, December 23

No Planned Activities

### Sunday, December 24

No Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight: Family Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight: Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)

### Finance Report

	November 2022	November 2023
Budget year-to-date	\$2,199,609	\$2,240,496
Income year-to-date	<u>\$1,828,828</u>	<u>\$1,682,644</u>
Income over (under) budget	(\$370,781)	(\$557,852)
Income year-to-date	\$1,828,828	\$1,682,644
Expense year-to-date	<u>\$1,970,846</u>	<u>\$1,928,521</u>
Income over (under) expense	(\$142,018)	(\$245,877)

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner  
 will resume Wednesday, January 10, 2024.**



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### History Room Hours

The History Room is open for visitation TODAY, NOON - 1:00 PM  
 The History Room may be open at other dates and times by appointment.  
 Please call 404-735-5561 or email Dottyetris@gmail.com

The Video Viewing Room is open any time the church is open.  
 Easy to follow instructions allow you to watch videos of your choice.  
 Please enjoy as many as you like.



December 17, 2023

Joy



# The Act of Worship: The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Eleven o'clock

*Golden salutations -  
Glimmering with the promise whispered across the ages:  
"He is Coming!  
Each of you is beloved of God...  
He is coming to dwell among you."*

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Gathering Music

**“Drummer Boy/Pat-A-Pan”** - Diane Bish  
Rev. Jane Martin, organ

Welcome Rev. Logan Carpenter

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship **“Litany for Deep Joy”** Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Leader: God, all kinds of feelings pass through us in this life:

**People: From happiness to sorrow and everything in between.**

Leader: We can look around and see all kinds of reasons not to feel joyful

**People: Until we learn:**

Leader: Joy is not felt

**People: Joy is found.**

Leader: We straighten our spines,

**People: Posturing ourselves toward joy;**

Leader: Needing constant rediscovery

**People: Until it becomes our nature.**

Leader: Joy in pain

**People: Joy in transformation**

Leader: Joy in journeying

**People: Joy in growth**

Leader: Joy in parting

**People: Joy in waiting**

Leader: This is the joy that wells up from us:

**People: The intentional song**

Leader: The thoughtful gift

**People: The word of comfort**

Leader: The broken thing mended

**People: The belly filled.**

Leader: This is the joy given to us:

**People: To love and be loved**

Leader: To sacrifice and be blessed

**People: To be lost and found.**

Leader: Joyful, Joyful!

**People: Rejoice, Rejoice! Amen!**

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\*Hymn of Praise # 100

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

GLORIA

Children’s Sermon

**“Joy”**

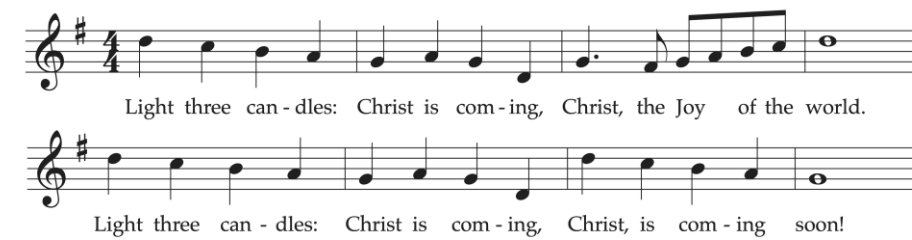
Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec

Advent Wreath Hymn

**“The Advent Candle Song”**

Sally Ahner

Stanza 3



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Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy Wesley Pond, Alden Oakley  
Pam Linde, & Adam Payne

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 61:1-4** Rev. David Warren

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. <sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Robert Turnbull

CBF Global Missions Offering Video

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

Offertory Prayer Rev. Warren

Offertory **“Ring Out, Ye Bells!”** arr. Forrest, Garrett, Carlton  
(from Christmas at First: Hope, Love, Peace & Joy)  
Chancel Choir

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, ye bells!  
All Nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story,  
Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, ye bells!  
All Nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story,*

*Sing, earthlings, sing! Oh, sing! Tonight a King  
hath come from heav’n’s high throne to bless us.  
The outstretched hand o’er all the land is raised in pity to redeem us.  
Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, the world was lorn,  
but Christ is born to change our sadness into glory.*

*Come at his call; Be joyful all;  
Away with mourning and with sadness!  
The heav’nly choir with holy fire their voices raise in songs of gladness.  
Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, no, be not still,  
but with a will strike all your harps and set them ringing;  
Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out, on hill and heath  
let ev’ry breath throw all its power into singing!*

*Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out!  
Ring out, ring out, ring out, ring out!  
Ring out, ring, ye bells! Ring out, ring, ye bells!  
Ring out! Ring out, ye bells!*

Sermon **Advent Endings and Beginnings** Dr. Greg DeLoach  
**“An Old Woman Starting Over”**  
**Luke 1:39-45 NRSV**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be<sup>[a]</sup> a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

\*Hymn of Response # 87 ANTIOCH  
**“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”**

Sharing of Decisions Dr. DeLoach

\*Benediction Dr. DeLoach

\*Congregational Response # 76 VENI EMMANUEL  
**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**  
Stanza 2

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Organ Postlude **“Fanfare”** Sharon E. Rogers  
Rev. Martin

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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## 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. Karen Massey’s message from last week with a friend, please order: **"A Peaceable Kingdom"**.

## Announcements

December 17, 2023

**Christmas at First: Hope, Love, Peace & Joy:** Join us tonight at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for our 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 Eve Services:** Mark your calendars for our special service times on Christmas Eve. Morning worship is at 10:30 AM. Sunday school classes will not meet. In addition, we will have services at 5 and 11 PM. The 5 PM service is family-focused and the 11 PM service is a traditional candlelight service.

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church office will be closed on December 25 and 26. On December 29, the office will close at 12 noon. Please note these holiday hours if delivering year-end contributions to the church office.

**New Year's Eve Service:** We will have one service on Sunday, December 31 at 10:30 AM. There will be no Sunday school.

**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.

**Angel Giving Tree Update:** Thank you for your Angel Tree gifts in support of the Foster Care Support Foundation and North Fulton Community Charities. We collected and donated more than 300 clothing items, including 50 winter coats, and 175 toys!

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**Operation Christmas Child:** Thank you for your shoeboxes! We collected over 125 shoeboxes for children around the world.

**Women on Mission** meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 AM in the Joyhouse for a workday for mission projects. A soup and dessert luncheon will follow. All ladies are welcome!

**Wednesday Night Dinners** begin again on January 10. If you regularly attend Wednesday night dinners, consider purchasing a meal plan. Adult plans are \$112 each and child plans are \$75. The meal plan includes 14 dinners and runs through April 24. Purchase your meal plan by contacting the church office or at our first Wednesday night dinner.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** Children's missions, youth activities, and adult, elective classes resume on January 10.

**Service of Healing and Hope:** All are invited to join at 6 PM on Sunday, January 14 for a special service of healing & hope. Begin the new year asking God to bring healing into our lives, our relationships, and our world. We will spend time being unified in worship and prayer, asking God for guidance for the coming year. There will be a meal before the service, at 5 PM in the gym. Sign up on the Events page on our website. Contact Logan Carpenter at [logan@fbroswell.org](mailto:logan@fbroswell.org) with any questions.

**SAFE Seminar:** Parents of children (infants to 8<sup>th</sup> grade), join us for an important seminar on sexual awareness and family empowerment on January 19 and 20. Led by licensed clinical social worker and ordained minister, LeAnn Gardner, parents will delve into and learn how to be the main resource on these important issues. Cost is \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. Food and childcare provided. Visit the Events page on our website for complete details and to sign up.

**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.

**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.