

This Week at FBR

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)

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Youth Ski Retreat – December 27 – 30 (Offsite)

Thursday, December 28

No Planned Activities

Friday, December 29

Church Office – Closing at Noon

Saturday, December 30

No Planned Activities

Sunday, December 31

No Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

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)

Christmas at First
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
 10:30 AM | Advent Worship (No Sunday School)
 5 PM | Candlelight: Family Service
 11 PM | Candlelight: Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 31st
 10:30 AM | Worship Service (No Sunday School)



Rev. Logan Carpenter
 Interim Executive Pastor &
 Minister of Spiritual Development
 logan@fbroswell.org

Dr. Greg DeLoach
 Interim Preaching Pastor

Dr. Doyle Hamilton
 Minister of Congregational Care
 doyle@fbroswell.org

Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec
 Minister to Children & Families
 jessica@fbroswell.org

Rev. Robert Turnbull
 Minister to Students
 robert@fbroswell.org

Rev. David Warren
 Minister of Music & Worship
 david@fbroswell.org

Katie Warren
 Children's Music Coordinator
 katie@fbroswell.org

Rev. Jane Martin
 Organist
 jane@fbroswell.org

Suzanne Ivey
 Pianist
 suzanne@idwww.com

Dr. Ron Bradley
 Pastor Emeritus

MMO/Kindergarten
 kindergarten@fbroswell.org

710 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell, GA 30075
Phone: (770) 587-6980 • Minister on Call: (770) 344-0319
www.fbroswell.org

Advent

December 24, 2023

Love

The Act of Worship: The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

Ten Thirty in the Morning

*If, as Herod, we fill our lives with things, and again with things;
if we consider ourselves so unimportant
that we must fill every moment of our lives with action,
when will we have the time to make the long, slow journey
across the desert as did the Magi?
Or sit and watch the stars as did the shepherds?
Or brood over the coming of the child as did Mary?
For each one of us, there is a desert to travel. A star to discover.
And a being to bring to life.
Anonymous, Simple Abundance*

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Gathering Music Rev. Jane Martin, piano

“Caroling, Caroling” - arr. Ovid Young
“I Saw Three Ships” - arr. Joseph Martin
“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” - arr. Nathan DiGesare
“Let There Be Peace on Earth” - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship Rev. David Warren

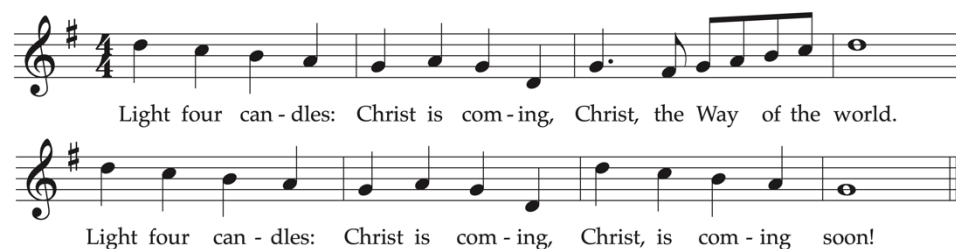
Leader: We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.
People: The darkness is deeper, but look! The star is beginning to shine.
Leader: The everlasting light is creeping closer.
**People: Hope is in the air. Peace is promised.
Joy is on the tips of our tongues.**
Leader: Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.
People: We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.

*Hymn of Praise # 208 HYFRYDOL
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3
(Sung to the tune HYFRYDOL; # 77: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”)

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

Children’s Sermon **“Love”** Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec

Advent Wreath Hymn Sally Ahner
“The Advent Candle Song”
Stanza 4



Words & Music: Sally Ahner © 1992 Abingdon Press

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love The Dodson Family
Jennifer, Patrick, Caitlin & Caroline

Scripture Reading **Psalm 89:1-4 NIV** Rev. Robert Turnbull

¹I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. ²I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. ³You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ⁴‘I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.’”

This is the word of God, for the people of God:
Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Logan Carpenter

*Hymn of Giving # 85 **“The First Nowell”** THE FIRST NOWELL
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

*Offertory Prayer Sheila Edenfield

Offertory **“Messiah’s Lullaby”** David Schwoebel
(from Christmas at First: Hope, Love, Peace & Joy)
Chancel Choir

*Sleep, sleep, sweet Child of the promise,
the newborn Messiah, enthroned on the hay.
Sleep, sleep, while Mary, Your mother,
cradles the Wonder that first Christmas day.*

*Rest, rest, while shepherds adore You,
and angels sing, “Glory,” to welcome the morn.
Rest, rest, while Joseph, Your father,
ponders the myst’ry of God’s Son, God’s Son now born.*

*Dream, dream, of Isaiah’s vision,
of children at play in a world filled with peace.
Dream, dream of new dawns arising,
where babies can slumber, (where babies can slumber)
where babies can slumber, and all war, all war has ceased.*

*Love, love, this child of the promise,
the newborn Messiah, enthroned on the hay.
Love, love, for He loves you dearly,
thank God for giving that first Christmas day.*

Sleep, rest, dream, love, and thank God for giving that first Christmas day.

Sermon Dr. Greg DeLoach

Advent Endings and Beginnings
“A World Turned Upside Down”
Luke 2:1-3 NRSV

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered.

*Hymn of Response # 89 ADESTE FIDELES
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. David Wilcocks

Sharing of Decisions Dr. DeLoach

*Benediction Dr. DeLoach

*Congregational Response # 76 VENI EMMANUEL
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Stanza 3

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Organ Postlude arr. Diane Bish
Toccata on “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
Rev. Martin

**Please stand as you are able. Words Reprinted with Permission.
CCLI License # 499294.*

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 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: **"An Old Woman Starting Over"**.

Announcements

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Services: Join us tonight for our Christmas Eve 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!

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.

Announcements

December 24, 2023

Wednesday Nights -Children and Youth: Children's missions and youth activities resume on January 10.

New Wednesday Night, Adult Elective Classes begin on January 10. Choose from one of the following:

- Pastor's Bible Study: Our Baptist Identity. Led by Dr. Greg DeLoach. Chapel.
 - Parenting Study: *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*. Led by Kathy Jennings. Room 350.
 - Apprentice Small Group: The Good and Beautiful God. Led by Logan Carpenter. Room 351.
 - Ladies Bible Study: *Jesus and Women*. Led by Ruth Johnson & Lynn Lynch. Room 352.
-

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 with any questions.

SAFE Seminar: Parents of children (infants to 8th 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.