

This Week at FBR

Sunday, December 31

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

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No Planned Activities

Wednesday, January 3

No Planned Activities

Thursday, January 4

No Planned Activities

Friday, January 5

No Planned Activities

Saturday, January 6

No Planned Activities

Sunday, January 7

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting (GT2)
4:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting (259)
5:30 PM Children's Music Leader Mid-Winter Meeting (201)
6:30 PM Deacon Meeting (350)

**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) |



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**First Baptist
Roswell**

The Act of Worship: First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

Ten Thirty in the Morning

*I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention,
how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day...*

*Tell me, what else should I have done?...
Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*

- excerpts from "The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Prelude **"Come, Let Us Anew"** Daniel Berghout
Rev. Jane Martin, organ

Welcome Rev. Robert Turnbull

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn of Praise # 95 GO TELL IT
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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

Children's Sermon Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec
"The Wise Men"

Sermon Rev. David Warren
"The Work of Christmas Begins – Part 1"
Luke 2:17-19 NRSV

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;
¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary
treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Missions Moment Rev. Asbell Oravec
Christmas Giving Opportunities

*Hymn of Giving # 117 DIX
"As with Gladness Men of Old"
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

*Offertory Prayer Jane Range

Offertory **"The Work of Christmas"** Dan Forrest
Katie Warren, soloist; Rev. Martin, piano

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the pris'ner,
To rebuild the nations; To bring peace among brothers,
To make music, make music, make music from the heart.*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.*

- text by Howard Thurman

Sermon, continued... Rev. Warren
"The Work of Christmas Begins – Part 2"
John 1:1-5 NRSV

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it.

Hymn of Illumination # 118 GREENSLEEVES
"What Child Is This"

Litany Rev. Warren

Leader: God as we close another calendar year
People: And look toward a new one,
Leader: We remember that every day is a new day;
People: Not just New Year's Day.

Leader: Every day we can choose fresh purpose
People: Access fresh wisdom,
Leader: Practice gratitude for our gifts, blessings, and experiences,
People: Practice mercy and love toward ourselves and others
Leader: Every day we can take an honest look at ourselves,
People: Assess our unhelpful habits and patterns,
Leader: Create new ones,
People: Ask for help.

Leader: May we hear your voice more clearly, and heed it.
People: May the words of Christ dwell in us richly.
Leader: May we find strength from you to continue our healing journey.
People: May we continue to be generous and serve our neighbors.
Leader: May we experience anew the rebirth and resurrection life of Jesus.
**People: May we complete the tasks you set before us,
love well those souls you give to our care,
and make good use of the time we are given on the earth.**

Leader: And so we celebrate the year –
People: Its beginnings and its endings,
Leader: Its triumphs and its failures,
People: Its gifts and its receipts –
Leader: By turning our attention to You
People: And leaning into the eternal flow of Love as Christ has taught us.

Leader: Help us continue the work of bringing Heaven to Earth.
**People: Help us put our hope in the continued revealing
of the peace, joy, and love of God.**

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Turnbull

Sermon, concluded. Rev. Warren

"The Work of Christmas Begins – Part 3"
John 10:10b NRSV

^{10b} I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*Hymn of Response KELVINGROVE
"Will You Come and Follow Me"
(See bulletin insert)
Stanzas 1, 4 & 5

Sharing of Decisions Rev. Asbell Oravec

*Benediction Rev. Warren

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

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

Organ Postlude **"Trumpet Tune"** John Stanley
Rev. Martin

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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.

Flowers

If you have given a poinsettia(s) in memory of someone or if a poinsettia(s) has been given in your honor, we invite you to take a poinsettia home with you following the service today.

Worship Words

Today as we worship, we celebrate the first Sunday after Christmas Day, which is the first Sunday during the actual season of "Christmas-tide" or "Christmas" following the season of Advent. You'll notice that while the Advent Wreath is gone, the Christ Candle remains on the Altar as we celebrate and remember Christ's birth. Today, we also recognize the season of Epiphany, the time in the church's liturgical calendar when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to view the Christ Child. For many liturgical churches, Epiphany is celebrated following Christmas all the way until the beginning of the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday. While it's not our formal custom to celebrate each Sunday of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, it's our solemn hope that Christ's birth, the Hope of Peace, Joy and Love that Christ brings to our lives, and the response of all who would come to see and know the birth of Jesus may outlast these seasons and abide in your heart throughout the year. Christmas does not end with the removal of decorations; the work of Christmas is only beginning again...

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. DeLoach's message from last week with a friend, please order: **"A World Turned Upside Down"**.

Announcements

December 31, 2023

Christmas Offering: It's not too late to 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.

MUST Neighborhood Pantry on Mimosa: The churches on Mimosa have partnered with MUST Ministries' Neighborhood Pantry to provide food and toiletries to at-risk students and their families. January's Mimosa pantry, located at Roswell United Methodist Church, is on Tuesday, January 2. Volunteers are needed! Visit the Events page on our website to sign up. This is a great service opportunity for youth.

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

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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.