

This Week at FBR

Sunday, December 1

9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service – Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
 4:00 PM Children & Youth Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Gym)
 4:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting (259)
 5:30 PM Apex Christian Singles Bible Study (352)
 6:00 PM Christmas at First – Children & Youth Music (Sanctuary)
 7:00 PM Sampler Reception (Gym)

Monday, December 2

9:30 AM BSF Leader Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner (Gym)
 5:00 PM Mimosa Brass (GT 3B)
 6:30 PM Church Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:30 PM Holiday Hope (Chapel)
 6:30 PM IMPACT (Youth) (Joyhouse)
 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study (352)
 6:30 PM Passport to the World (102, 258)
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM MomCo (MOPS) (Joyhouse)

Friday, December 6

No Planned Activities

Saturday, December 7

9:30 AM Christmas at First Bonus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 10:00 AM Elf Workshop (Gym)

Sunday, December 8

9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12:00 PM Music & Worship Christmas Luncheon (Gym)
 2:00 PM SALT Ministry – Trip to Nutcracker Program (Offsite)
 5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (357)
 5:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting (350)
 5:30 PM Apex Christian Singles Bible Study (352)
 5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal (302)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Adults: Fried Shrimp, Ham & Cheese Quiche, Cheese Grits, Asparagus, Carrots, Salad Bar, Roll, Dessert

Children (12 and under): Pizza, Cheeseburger, Vegetables, 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

Welcome New Members



Kassiah & Charlotte Potter



To find out more about all the ways you can support the ministries of our church through giving, scan the QR code or visit our website: fbroswell.org/give.

Finance Report	October 2023	October 2024
Income year-to-date	\$1,523,858	\$1,330,097
Budget year-to-date	<u>\$2,036,815</u>	<u>\$1,959,818</u>
Income over (under) budget	(\$512,957)	(\$629,721)
Income year-to-date	\$1,523,858	\$1,330,097
Expense year-to-date	<u>\$1,769,714</u>	<u>\$1,763,777</u>
Income over (under) expense	(\$245,856)	(\$433,680)



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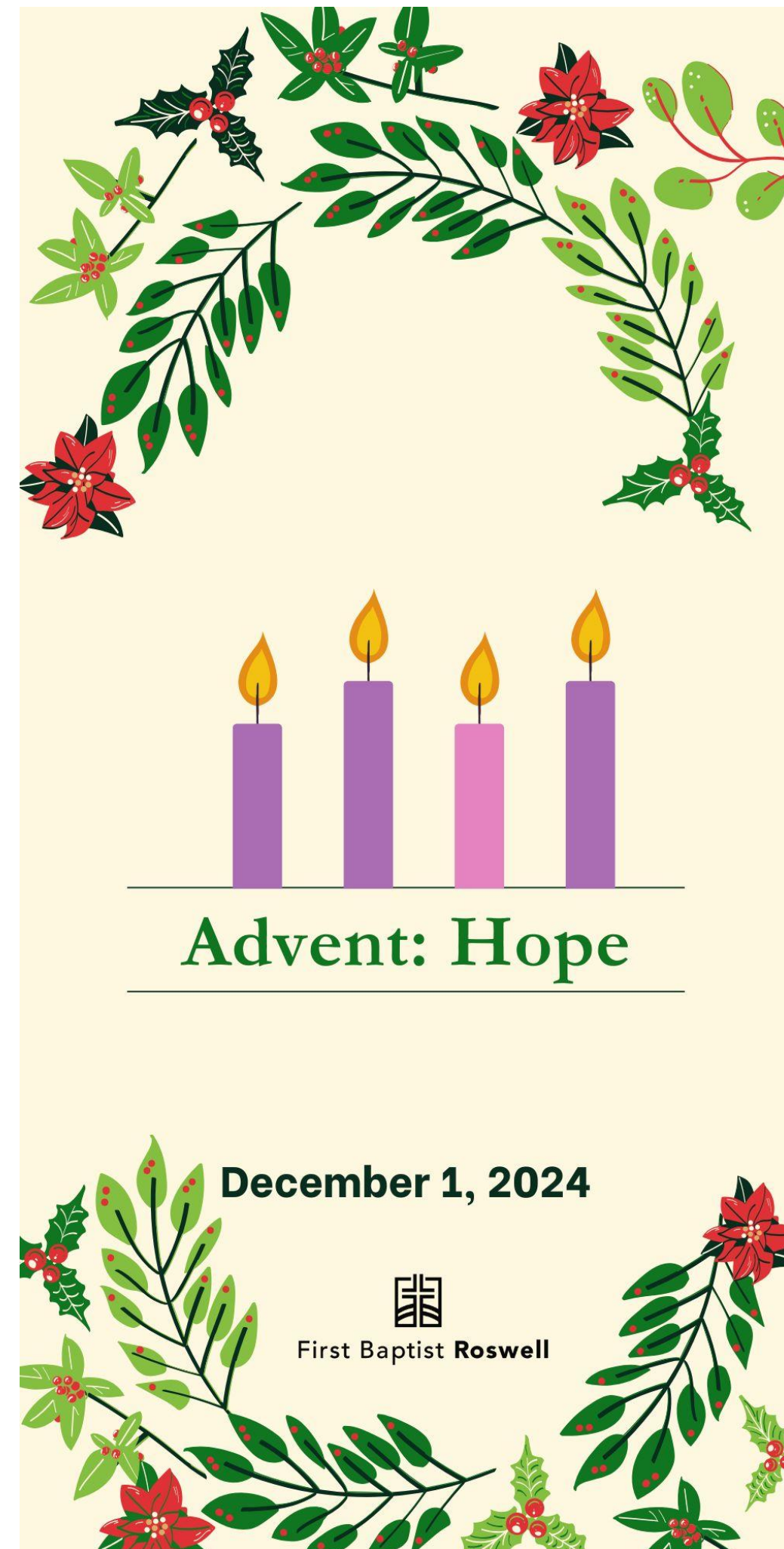
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The Act of Worship
“Hanging of the Greens” Service
& The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

Eleven o’clock in the Morning

*“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 Mimosa Brass
“Angels We Have Heard On High” - 18th Century French Carol
“Gaudete! Christus est natus” - 16th Century Carol
arr. Todd Marchand

Welcome Josh Raugh

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship **“Hanging of the Greens”** Rev. David Warren

Leader: The coming season of Advent calls us to pause and reflect,
a time to wait and keep watch.
Advent calls us to prepare...how shall we do this?

**People: By keeping watch for God.
Let us surround ourselves with reminders of his coming.**

Leader: How shall we prepare God’s house for the coming of Jesus,
the King, our eternal Christ, our Savior, and Lord?

**People: With branches and a tree,
with wreaths and garlands of evergreen,
With poinsettias and candles.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts
for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?

**People: By hearing again the words of the prophets
who foretold the saving work of God.**

Leader: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

All: All Glory to God in the highest! Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Procession of the Poinsettias Children’s Music & Youth Choir
“Ave Maria” – Sigvaldi Kaldalóns
Rev. Jane Martin, organ

*The poinsettias are given in honor and remembrance of friends and
loved ones. The names of those honored appear on the screens.*

*Hymn of Praise # 94 REGENT SQUARE
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
Stanzas 1 & 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

Presentation of the Greens Rev. Logan Carpenter

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

*During the reflection, while the Greens are being placed,
please reflect on the text of the carol:*

*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.”*

Presentation of the Christmas Tree Rev. Robert Turnbull

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Advent Wreath Hymn TABLE OF GRACE
“We Are a People of Hope”
Stanza 1

1. We are a peo - ple of hope;
we are a peo - ple of hope.
Light - ing a can - dle, we wait for the dawn;
we are a peo - ple of hope.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope The Hermance Family

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

*Offertory Prayer Jane Range

Offertory **“What Is This Lovely Fragrance”** Paul Manz
Rev. Martin, organ

Sermon **“Whispers of Hope”** Dr. Greg DeLoach
Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

*Hymn of Response # 77 HYFRYDOL
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Sharing of Decisions Dr. DeLoach

*Benediction Dr. DeLoach

*Congregational Response # 76 VENI EMMANUEL
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Stanza 4

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Organ Postlude **“In Dulci Jubilo”** arr. Jan Sanborn
Rev. 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.

Worship Words

On this First Sunday of Advent, we join together to “Hang the Greens” in our sacred space. All across our campus, from the Sanctuary, to the Narthex, through the Welcome Center, into the Chapel, and throughout the hallways and passages of our church, are symbols of the season pointing us towards reminders of God’s love. As we begin this season of Advent, known as a season of light, we take part in this holy act of refocusing our hearts and minds on the expectancy, preparation and waiting that comes in this special season. In our journey through Advent together, as we remember and find a new assurance in the Hope that Christ’s coming brings to our lives – God, help us to be a light of hope to the world around us and to those right next to us. Come, let us adore Him, let us worship God and the Christ child who has come to bring us life anew, for Christ is Lord.

Narthex Christmas Tree Display

Beginning today, throughout the Advent and Christmas Season, we invite you to view the Christmas Tree on display in the Narthex presented and offered by the Visual Worship Ministry. We hope you’ll take a moment to come by and interact with the tree, see the ornaments of past years, and engage with this year’s ornament story about “The Manger.”

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: **"Abundance"**.

Announcements

December 1, 2024

Advent Devotional: Deepen your faith this Advent with the devotional book, *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*. Pick up your copy outside the Sanctuary doors and spend a few minutes each day in December reflecting on the true reason for the season. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Children & Youth Music Presentation: Join us tonight in the Sanctuary at 6 PM for our children and youth Christmas music presentation, 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 presentation. Bring a favorite sweet or savory Christmas treat to share. Drop off treats in the gym prior to the presentation.

MUST Neighborhood Pantry on Mimosa: Join us for the final MUST Neighborhood Pantry of 2024 on Monday, December 2. Donations and volunteers are needed. Along with regular items of laundry detergent and feminine hygiene products, we're collecting NEW children's pajamas for their Christmas drive. Drop off donations in church bins by December 2. Visit our Events page for details and to sign up.

Women on Mission meets Tuesday, December 3, at 10:30 AM in the Joyhouse. Arrive early at 10 AM to help with a mission project. Guest speaker Annette Harrington, a retired missionary to Costa Rica, Mexico, and Texas, will join us. Bring a cash donation or Walmart gift card to support Kenny Cash's ministry. A Cracker Barrel lunch follows the meeting. Contact Janie Roland at (404) 663-4348 or janeroland123@gmail.com to reserve your lunch. Cost is \$14, payable at the door.

Volunteer at the OCC Warehouse: Join us Thursday, December 19 to inspect and pack shoeboxes at the Operation Christmas Child warehouse. Meet at church at 5:30 PM to carpool, grab a quick dinner together, and volunteer from 7 to 10 PM. We'll return to the church by 10:30 PM. Participants must be 13 or older. Visit the Events page to sign up.

New Sunday Morning Parent Group: Welcome to the *Sunday Blend*! Starting January 11, parents of young children are invited to join Sam and Sarah McBride for community, Bible study, and coffee! Meet at 9:45 AM in the Counseling Center for encouragement, support, and meaningful conversations about living as Christians in today's world. Questions? Contact Logan Carpenter at logan@fbroswell.org.

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Holiday Hope: Join us for a special event of remembrance on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 PM in the Donehoo Chapel. Music prelude begins at 6:15 with harpist, Jennifer Betzer. Light a candle as we remember loved ones this holiday season. Contact Doyle at doyle@fbroswell.org for more details.

Elf Workshop: Sign up for Elf Workshop on Saturday, December 7, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Children will make gifts, enjoy a pizza lunch, and watch a Christmas movie. Open to children aged 4 to grade 5. Sign up online.

SALT Nutcracker Event: Only two tickets left for *The Nutcracker* on Sunday, December 8, at 2 PM at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$40. Sign up on our website's Events page.

The Grace Project-Angel Tree: Pick up your angel from our Giving Tree, located by the Information Center. Drop off unwrapped items by December 8. Wish list items are also included on the Events page on our website.

Wednesday Night Activities: Wednesday, December 11 is our last evening of activities in 2024. Enjoy dinner, served from 5 to 6:30, followed by a missionary presentation. Meet in the Chapel at 6:30 PM and hear from International Mission Board missionaries Joshua and Megan Hill. Children and youth will meet for their regularly scheduled activities.

Christmas at First: Peace on Earth: Join us on Sunday, December 15, at 6 PM in the Sanctuary or online for our annual Christmas music presentation. Experience the story of God's peace through Christ's birth, and the call of peace for us today, brought by over 100 musicians from our Chancel Choir, Church Orchestra, Jubilee Ringers, and Youth Choir. This 75-minute program blends pastoral narration, beloved carols, original melodies, and a stunning visual display. Childcare available for children in kindergarten and younger.

Ladies Book Club Date Change: Ladies, meet in the Parlor on December 20 at 5:30 PM for a cookie exchange and to discuss the Book of Luke.

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. Help us reach our giving goal of \$25,000. 100% 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 page on our website for giving options and deadlines to ensure 2024 tax credit.