

## This Week at FBR

### Sunday, December 22

9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 5:30 PM Apex Christian Singles Bible Study (352)

### Monday, December 23

No Planned Activities

### Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed  
 5:00 PM Communion & Candlelight: Family Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 PM Communion & Candlelight: Lessons & Carols Service (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas

### Thursday, December 26

No Planned Activities

### Friday, December 27

No Planned Activities

### Saturday, December 28

No Planned Activities

### Sunday, December 29

No Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 5:30 PM Apex Christian Singles Bible Study (352)



Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner  
 will resume Wednesday, January 8, 2025

### Welcome New Members



Brad Myers



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](http://fbroswell.org/give).

#### Finance Report

	November 2023	November 2024
Income year-to-date	\$1,682,646	\$1,497,872
Budget year-to-date	<u>\$2,240,496</u>	<u>\$2,155,800</u>
Income over (under) budget	(\$557,850)	(\$657,928)
Income year-to-date	\$1,682,646	\$1,497,872
Expense year-to-date	<u>\$1,928,370</u>	<u>\$1,941,735</u>
Income over (under) expense	(\$245,724)	(\$443,863)



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**The Act of Worship**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2024**

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

*But, somewhere in this night,  
the desert night of long ago, or this daily desert of a road-  
a twinkling here, a shining there, a flower blooms in deepest winter.  
Love has come and calms the shiver.*

- Barbara Doerrer-Peacock

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Gathering Music **“The Angels of Christmas”** R. Hobby/H. Kihlken  
Rev. Jane Martin, organ

Welcome Rev. Logan Carpenter

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit # 109 **“Love Came Down at Christmas”** GARTAN  
Cammy Wagner, soloist  
Rev. Martin, organ

\*Call to Worship Rev. Robert Turnbull

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

\*Hymn of Praise # 208 HYFRYDOL  
**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**  
*(This text is used with the tune: HYFRYDOL, found with hymn # 77.)*  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

*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 TABLE OF GRACE  
**“We Are a People of Love”**  
*(See hymn insert on the right-hand side)*  
Stanza 4

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love The Mackay Family

Scripture Litany Rev. David Warren  
**Psalm 89:1-2; Luke 1:46-55;**  
**John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:9-12 NRSV**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Doyle Hamilton

\*Hymn of Giving HARLAN  
**“Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us”**  
*(See bulletin insert)*  
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

\*Offertory Prayer Steve Tracey

Offertory **“Messiah’s Lullaby”** David Schwoebel  
*(from Christmas at First: Peace on Earth)*  
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 **“Whispers of Hope”** Dr. Greg DeLoach  
**Micah 5:2-5 NRSV**

*<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.*

\*Hymn of Response # 103 MUELLER  
**“Away in a Manger”**

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 Michael Dell  
**Organ Flourish on “Joy to the World”**  
Rev. Martin

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**We Are a People of Love**

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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.

**Worship Words**

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we reflect upon God’s indescribable gift of love given to us through the coming of the Christ Child. This gift of love from God, the coming of Christ, reminds us of the never ending, never failing, true and steadfast love of God that seeks us out. In turn, we have the opportunity to live into God’s gift of love to us by sharing that same love with others. This Advent, may you be reminded, encouraged, and filled with the love of God that comes from Christ to surround us, sustain us, redeem us, and save us.

**Narthex Christmas Tree Display**

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](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: **“Whispers of Hope-Advent 3”**.

## Announcements

December 22, 2024

**Christmas Eve Services:** Mark your calendars for our special service times on Christmas Eve. 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 24 and 25. On December 31, the office will close at 2 PM. Please note these holiday hours if delivering year-end contributions to the church office.

**Special Schedule:** On Sunday, December 29, join us for worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Please note there will be no Sunday School that day.

**Poinsettias:** Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias this Advent season. Please leave them in the Sanctuary for all to enjoy through Sunday, December 29. After the service that day, feel free to take your poinsettia home.

**Ladies Book Club:** Next month's book club is on Sunday, January 26 at 5:30 PM in the Parlor, and the book selection is *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. All ladies welcome.

**Thank you for Supporting the Angel Tree!** Thanks to our generous congregation and kindergarten families, donations included: 54 coats, 100+ outfits, and dozens of hats and gloves, 90+ toys, including games, Legos, and craft kits, hundreds of children's books shared with Foster Care and North Fulton Community Charities. What a blessing to so many families this season!

**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.

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December 22, 2024

**Women on Mission:** Join us on Tuesday, January 7, at 10:30 AM in the Joyhouse for a missions' project workday. Stay afterward for a delicious soup and dessert luncheon. No need to bring anything unless you've signed up. All ladies are welcome!

**New Year's Worship Service:** Join us on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel for a special service as we look ahead to the new year. This intergenerational time of worship invites kids, youth, and adults to come together and seek God's guidance for all our church will do in 2025. Mission Friends participants are welcome to attend their class.

**Wednesday Night Dinners** begin again on January 8. If you regularly attend Wednesday night dinners, consider purchasing a meal plan. Adult plans are \$120 each and child plans are \$75. The meal plan includes 15 dinners and runs through April 30. 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 15. Mission Friends will resume on January 8. Adult class options include:

- Pastor's Bible Study: *The 7 Signs in the Gospel of John*. Led by Dr. Greg DeLoach. Chapel.
- *The 5 Love Languages*. Led by Logan Carpenter. Room 350.
- Ladies Bible Study: *When You Pray*. Led by Ruth Johnson & Lynn Lynch. Room 352.

**New Sunday Morning Parent Group:** Welcome to the *Sunday Blend*! Starting January 12, 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](mailto:logan@fbroswell.org).

**DNow:** Disciple Now Project Serve is January 31 through February 2, 2025. Youth, join us for a weekend in worship, Bible study, community service and fun! Event cost is \$75 (\$50 additional siblings). Register online today.