

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
9:00 A.M.

✚ - When you see this symbol, we ask that you stand, if able.

Chiming of the Hour Becky Mozo-Adams

Prelude Becky Mozo-Adams

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (Arr Fettke)

worship authentically

Lighting of the Advent Candle Randy and Brenda Peters
of Abundant LOVE

As we draw near in worship, we light this candle of abundant love as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In Christ there is life and light for all people. (John 1)

We ask God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ to clear the way for us. (1 Thessalonians 3)

Now lift up your heads and rejoice: your Redeemer is drawing near. (Luke 21)

May the Lord make our love increase and overflow for each other And for everyone else. (1 Thessalonians 3)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth! (Luke 2)

✚ Hymn 87 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

welcome unconditionally

Welcome Seth Brown

Scripture Reading *Luke 21: 25-36*

“And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. So when all these things begin

to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!” Then he gave them this illustration: “Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. “Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music *The Advent Wreath Carol* Sanctuary Choir

*Four bright lights, candle lights, fragile flames glowing in the breeze;
Stand before the people as we worship God!
One for hope, one for peace, one for joy and one for love;
Frame this advent season, mark this special time.*

*Why do we light these candles in their wreath of green?
We celebrate Christ's coming and what that coming means!
Hope and peace, love and joy: Gifts wrapped up in a baby boy;
Sent by God for Christmas and the whole year through!*

*We need hope, we need peace: Hope that finds it's peace in Thee;
Hope can conquer worry, Peace can calm all strife.
We need joy, we need love: Joy and love for our troubled lives;
Joy in loving others, joy in loving Thee.*

*God sent His son to save us -- Grace in a baby boy;
That's why we light these candles, that's why we know this joy!
Hope and peace, love and joy: Gifts wrapped up in a baby boy;
Sent by God for Christmas, and the whole year through!*

Pastoral Prayer Steven Norris

At the conclusion of the prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

✚ Hymn 96 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

give generously

Offertory Prayer Kenneth Moore

Musical Offering *Meditation on 'Picardy'* Ellee Hilley
(Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

✚ Presentation of the Offering *The Doxology* OLD 100TH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

grow continually

Time for Children Seth Brown

Scripture Reading *1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13*

“How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.”

Sermon *Abundant Love* Steven Norris

✚ Hymn 99 *View the Present Through the Promise* AR HYD Y NOS

serve passionately

Opportunities to Serve

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Floral Arrangements

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Pam Godard. (Home 770-228-9426 or Cell 770-468-0908)



NEWS AND EVENTS

Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, we hope you will join us tomorrow night (November 29) for this special evening of worship and teaching on the topic of peace, featuring author and speaker, Ivy Cleveland. Gather in the coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments.

Women's Ministry Advent Bible Study

Join Ellee Hilley on a rich Bible Study journey through Advent this year using a study called *A Light Shines in the Darkness*, written by our FBC friend, Ellen Blake. Break open 12 Advent scripture passages in a deep and powerful way to experience the birth of Christ through unconventional tools like sentence diagramming and color coding, finding the Trinity in each passage and engaging in meditative reflection questions and prayer prompts. Books cost \$12.84 and may be picked up at the church the week of November 30. Purchase your book online at fbcgriffin.org or on our app.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to make a contribution in memory or in honor of someone to go toward this expense, please place your gift of \$15.00 (per listing) and the name(s) of the person(s) you are remembering or honoring in the offering plate by Sunday, December 5. You may also give online and enter the name of the honoree in the memo space: <https://bit.ly/FBCpoinsettias>

Clothes Closet Update

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing donations on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We are in need of men's jackets/coats.

Christmas Toy Shop

Help provide Christmas gifts for children in need! There are Christmas Toy Shop gift request trees in the FBC Welcome Center and the Family Life Building Lobby. If you wish to provide a gift, you will be able to choose a card from the trees which has a specific toy or gift to purchase for the shop. Toys are to be returned UNWRAPPED no later than December 5 to the Welcome Center. Thank you in advance for helping to provide special Christmas gifts for children in need.

Toy Shop Volunteers Needed

We had a great response on Sunday of volunteers for the Toy Shop. Thanks to all who signed up! But we still have a few volunteer spots left to help with the shop during the week of December 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Harvey.

FBC Advent Calendars

You can still pick up your FBC Advent Calendar today in the Welcome Center. We ask that each family only take one.

Lectionary Packets

Year C Lectionary copies are available in the Church Library on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings this month. Pastor Steven will begin using readings from the daily lectionary at the beginning of Advent during Morning Prayer (Monday-Friday at 8:15a in the Chapel and on Facebook).

Steven Norris
SENIOR PASTOR

Seth Brown
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Advent

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

— Mother Teresa (St Teresa of Calcutta)

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

— Henri Nouwen

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