

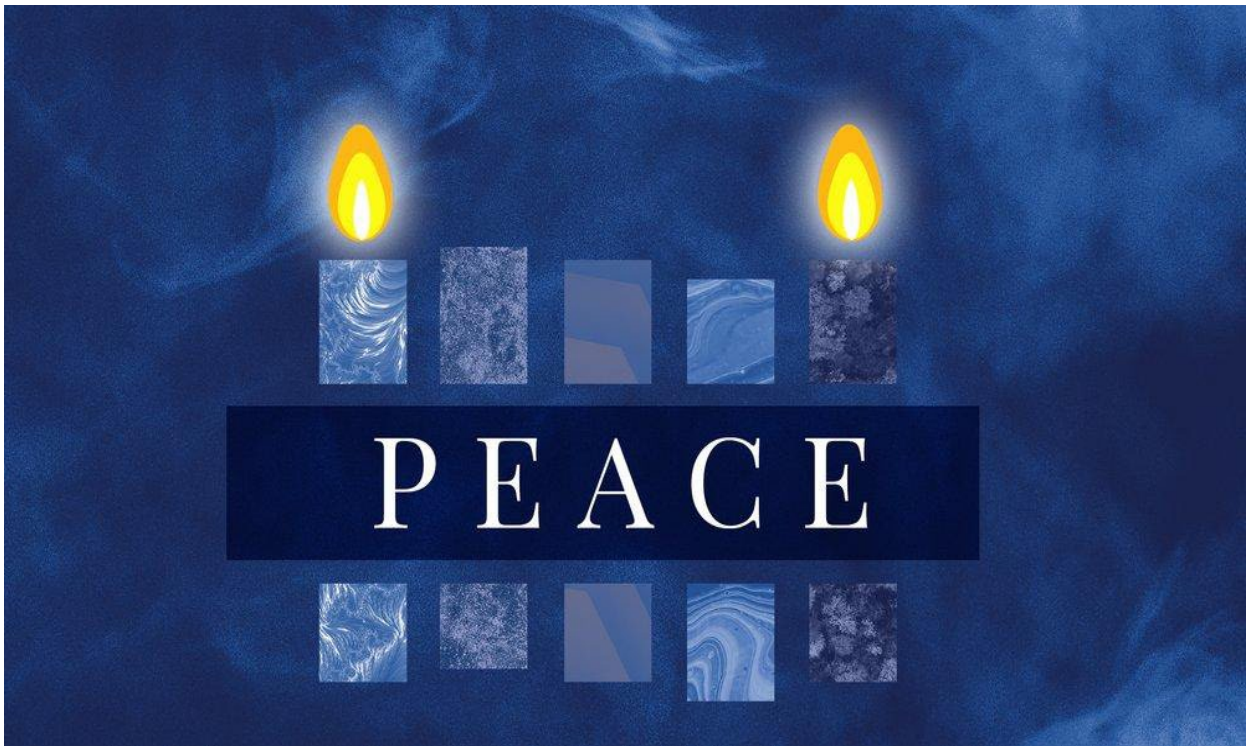
# First Baptist Church

## *Southern Pines*

*The mission of First Baptist Church is to glorify God by  
proclaiming the gospel, nurturing disciples, and serving others*

**December 7, 2025**

*Advent: A Season of Peace*



**First Baptist Church**  
SOUTHERN PINES

**The Rev. Doctor Matt Riggsbee**  
*Senior Minister*

**The Rev. Doctor Jamie Kipfer**  
*Minister of Education & Administration*

**Mrs. Lauren Craig**  
*Director of Children & Families' Ministry*

**Rev. Joel Marshall**  
*Interim Minister of Music*

**Rev. Bryan Moore**  
*Minister of Youth & Students*

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11:00 AM

**The Worship of God**  
**December 7, 2025 11:00 A.M.**

**WE PRAISE THE ETERNAL GOD THROUGH WORSHIP**

Chiming of the Hour Cathy Haynes

Greeting and Ministry Highlights Bryan Moore

Prelude *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks* Cathy Haynes  
arr. Smith

Call to Worship Bryan Moore  
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Advent Candle Lighting The Bolton Family

Song of Response *As We Light the Flame* See insert

Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 83  
HYFRYDOL

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR LIVES TO GOD**

Living Our Faith Mission Action Bonnie Elhart

Hymn of Giving *As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought* No. 667  
FOREST GREEN

Offertory Sentence and Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:7* Beau Sanders  
*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Offertory *Like a Child I Wait* Sanctuary Choir  
by Ruth Elaine Schram

## PROCLAIM AND HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem	<i>The Feedbox Carol</i>	Children's Choir
Sermon	<i>Peace</i> Isaiah 11:1-10 <i>(Please stand as you are able for the reading of God's Word)</i>	Matt Riggsbee
Special Music	<i>The Communion Hymn</i>	Sanctuary Choir

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup of Christ <i>All believers are welcome to participate at this table</i>	Matt Riggsbee
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The Bread  
*The bread in the center of the tray is gluten-free.*

The Cup

Hymn of Invitation	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	No. 132 CAROL
Benediction		Matt Riggsbee
Postlude	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> arr. Thygerson	Cathy Haynes

Memory Verse: *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ~ Luke 2:10*



Welcome! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please scan the QR code with your phone and fill out our online visitor's form. You will also find more information about our church at this link. You can also use the Welcome Card located on the pew rack in front of you & place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We look forward to connecting with you!

#### THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 7	Communion Sunday
8:30 AM	Worship Service
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service and Live Stream
12:45 PM	Ohana Group Mtg.
4:00 PM	Youth Handbells
4:00 PM	Missions Committee (Room 206)
5:00 PM	Youth Choir
6:00 PM	Youth Bonfire and Christmas Party
Monday, December 8	
9:30 AM	Counting Committee
5:30 PM	SOTM Dinner and Program
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 9	
10:00 AM	All Staff Meeting
1:00 PM	Senior Adult Committee
Wednesday, December 10	
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 PM	<b>Business Meeting</b>
6:00 PM	Children's Advent Celebration
7:15 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 11	
7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Connecting through Worship	285
Connecting through Sunday School	199

Giving Goal for Nov. 30	7, 447.00
Budget Offering Received on Nov. 30	35, 856.21
Giving Goal through Nov. 30	1,167,561.00
Total Budget Offering Received through Nov. 30	1,239,250.62
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	71,689.62



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU 12/10 CHRISTMAS DINNER

*Sliced Ham, Kids' Chicken Nuggets, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roasted Sweet Potato Cubes, Dinner Roll*

*Banana Pudding/ Peppermint Stick Ice Cream*

*Susan G.*

Sign up for supper on Realm or by calling the church office. The sign-up deadline for Wednesday night supper is always Tuesday at noon the day before the meal.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FBCSP?

##### December 8

Seniors on the Move Dinner at 5:30 PM

Program at 6:00 PM

The deadline to sign-up for the meal has passed but you can still attend the program at 6 PM. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift (value no more than \$10).

##### December 14

Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program at 4 PM

##### Family Promise Needs our Help!

##### December 15 – 18

All meals are taken care of this week but we still need overnight volunteers. Please contact the church office if you are willing to volunteer for this great cause!

##### December 23 – 25

**Church office is closed for the holiday**

##### December 25

TEAMWORKZ will have their annual Christmas Meal Event from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Please contact Keith Dangerfield

([marinetanker82@gmail.com](mailto:marinetanker82@gmail.com)) if you are willing to volunteer your time for this event.

##### December 28

There will be one worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School at regular time with all adults meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a combined class. Don't forget to bring a treat or breakfast item to share!

#### To FBCSP GIVING MEMBERS

The final day to make contributions for 2025 is **Sunday, December 28th**. If you are making a stock contribution before year-end, please remember our stock account is with Stifel. You or your broker will need to contact either Rick Palmer or Chuck Davis at 910-246-5352 to complete your transaction. Stock transactions, IRA distributions and the mail take time.

Make sure you have requested the transaction or written your check in time to be received before December 31, 2025.

