

WORSHIP

Sunday,
December 9, 2018

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Second Sunday of Advent

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 1:67-79

Sermon: Bringing Light to Darkness and
Guidance to Paralysis

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir with
Chamber Orchestra

Soloists: Bergsvein Toverud;
Priscilla Harris

Anthem: Selections from Handel's
Messiah; "His Light in Us"
– ARNESEN; "If You Would Hear the
Angels Sing" – SMITH; and "See Amid the
Winter's Snow" – arr. FORREST

Sanctuary Flowers

The wreaths on the gates of the
Remembrance Garden are given in loving
memory of Dr. William Mitchell by
Patsy Mitchell.

The Advent wreath is given by Mac and
Regenia McClain in honor of her parents,
George and Naomi Urban.

The Chrismon Tree is given in loving
memory of Don Bolt.

The poinsettias are given by members
of our congregation. The listing will be
printed in issues of the newsletter.

From the Organist...

To read past blog entries, visit
the Organist's Blog at [http://
firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-
blog/](http://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/)

— Shelton



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Walking the path of Jesus' final footsteps on this earth is a highlight of any pilgrimage to the Holy Land – a journey undertaken by millions of Christians since at least the Fourth Century. For decades, members of First Baptist Greenville have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land and walked the Via Dolorosa – the way of suffering, the path from the Garden of Gethsemane atop the Mount of Olives to the place of Jesus' crucifixion and all points in between.

Unfortunately, every Christian cannot make this pilgrimage. For the millions who have traveled to this sacred place, there are millions more who have only dreamed of traveling there. To accommodate the latter, the Church attempted to bring the final footsteps of Jesus – the stations of the cross – to her congregants. In 1521, a book was written and illustrated with 14 biblical moments depicting the final historical and traditional moments in Jesus' life. By the late 17th century, these 14 stations were

artistically displayed in churches and retreat centers. These visual representations of Jesus' final footsteps allow any pilgrim to walk the path of suffering with our Lord.

In 2017, a pilgrim from First Baptist Greenville saw a set of hand-carved Stations in Bethlehem. Having a desire for everyone to experience the last moments of Jesus' life, these beautiful olive wood renderings were purchased, shipped, anonymously donated and now hang in the Carpenter Chapel. During the Lent/ Easter season, times for private meditations, as well as guided group meditations, will be offered around these stations. On Sunday evening, December 16 at 6:30 pm, these gifts will be dedicated to the glory of God and the ministry of the church during a brief service in Carpenter Chapel. Join us for this inaugural reading of texts and prayers as we receive these wonderful gifts into the life and ministry of our church.

— Jim

Reminders

Make Reservations for
the Churchwide Retreat
March 1-3, 2019 | Downtown Greenville
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-retreat/>

Make Reservations for
Wednesday Night Supper
Enjoy Family Time
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/
wednesday-night-supper/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/)

Make Reservations for
the Churchwide Breakfast
December 30, 9:15am
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-
breakfast](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-breakfast)

Youth Family December Events and 2019 Winter Retreat!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT CANDY EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 16 | 9:00-10:15am

All youth and college students are invited to our Christmas Party to enjoy a homemade breakfast followed by a spirited White Elephant candy exchange game. All you need to bring is a bag/box of candy (i.e.: skittles, candy bars, bag of gummy bears, etc.). Feel free to be creative on style, flavor and size, but please do not wrap your candy.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS OUTING DOWNTOWN

Wednesday, December 19 | 4:00-7:00pm

Our Youth Family will meet at Antonio Bertolo's Pizza on Main Street to eat an early dinner. Then we will walk together up to the Hyatt Regency where we will tour the beautiful Festival of Trees and enjoy dessert and hot chocolate at Starbucks.

FEBRUARY 8- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

\$125 per person | Registration now open!

What could be a better Christmas gift than giving your youth a night away with their friends, followed by a day filled with winter fun?? To learn more about our 2019 Youth Family Winter Retreat and to register your youth, visit this page – <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/2019-youth-winter-retreat/>

Youth Family Fundraising Nights for Puerto Rico

In September of 2017, Puerto Rico endured two of the most powerful hurricanes to ever hit the Caribbean. The hurricanes left devastation all over the island. Tragedy and heartache remained as the hurricanes departed. Our FBG Youth Family has made a commitment to Praying Pelican Mission, to be one of the many teams of youth to respond to Puerto Rico in 2019.

Please mark your calendar to be present at our fundraising nights. Your participation will help raise funds to supplement costs for travel to Puerto Rico and the supplies needed to do work.

Moe's - Augusta Street
Thursday, December 6, 5-8 PM

TCBY - 7 Brendan Way
Thursday, December 20, 3-9 PM

Groucho's Deli - E. Coffee Street
Sunday, January 13, 11 AM-3 PM

Panera Bread - Augusta Street
Thursday, February 21, 4-8 PM

Jason's Deli - Woods Crossing Road
Thursday, April 25, 5-10 PM

College Family Winter Break Events and 2019 Winter Retreat!

YOUTH & COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT CANDY EXCHANGE

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COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 21 | 6:00pm

All college students are invited to our annual Christmas party at the Girvins' home. We hope you will join us for a fun time of dinner and fellowship! Please RSVP by Monday, December 17, and let us know if you can attend.

To sign up, visit this page - <https://goo.gl/forms/rsETxbDFqtoyj95F2>

PASTA & FELLOWSHIP

Monday, January 7 | 10:00am-2:00pm

FBG College students are invited to come enjoy a free Olive Garden lunch and fellowship with one another. Join us in the AYMC for a great time with our college family. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

<https://goo.gl/forms/dOkjZMAm4wLiWhYF2>

JOIN US

Join us for a one night retreat in the mountains to relax by a fire, engage in fellowship over meals and enjoy time away from college. To learn more about our 2019 College Winter Retreat and to register online, visit this site – <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/2019winter-retreat/>

From Darkness to Light

Our morning worship service on December 9 is based on the scripture from Luke 1:78-79 – *Because of God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace.*

The Sanctuary Choir and chamber orchestra will provide music from Handel's *Messiah* with Bergsvein Toverud, tenor soloist, and some of the most beautiful newly written carols by Dan Forrest, Stephen Smith, and Kim André Arnesen. "His Light in Us," a poem by the Welsh-Scottish poet Euan Tait, is a piece

written as a thanksgiving of new hope and light shining in dark times. Priscilla Harris, soprano, will serve as soloist in this piece. The music will be woven into a service of worship with spoken words from Jim Dant. It is our hope that you will find this service inspiring and uplifting.

Be here, and invite people to join you!

— Vivian

Poinsettia Gifts

A poinsettia in memory of McAdams Christopher is given by his family.

Carolyn Godsey gifts a poinsettia in memory of Bill Godsey.

A poinsettia in memory of Howard A. Burnett is given by Stephen A. Burnett.

Two poinsettias in memory of Gerald Stroud are given by Lois, Ginny, Stephen and David Stroud and their families.

A poinsettia in memory of Hayden Hays is gifted by Brenda Hays.

Thomas Bruce places a poinsettia in memory of Larkin and Jean Bruce.

Two poinsettias are given by Gerry and Dan Batson in honor of their daughters, Lynne Holcombe and Becky Bridwell.

Two poinsettias are given in loving memory of Ruth and Henry Little by their family.

A poinsettia in memory of James William Sparks is given by Linda Alpert.

Gene Cantrell gifts a poinsettia in memory of Carolyn Cantrell.

A poinsettia in memory of Myles Golden is gifted by Ann Golden.

Richard and Betty Alice Harper donate one poinsettia in memory of Hayden Hays.

Jo Ann and Joe Leaphart give a poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Leaphart and Mr. and Mrs. Carson Perkins.

A poinsettia in memory of Al Rampey is placed by Jo and Don Carson.

Ruth Reid gifts a poinsettia in honor of Louise Pfrangle.

A poinsettia in honor of Tyrone and Herlane Edwards is given by Ruth Reid.

Ruth Reid gifts a poinsettia in honor of Tigist and Peter Campbell.

A poinsettia in honor of Dawn Strickland and Bo Campbell is given by Ruth Reid.

Lib Hunter gifts a poinsettia in memory of Bill Hunter.

A poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Yarborough Sr. is given by Mary E. Yarborough.

Jim and Martha Fayssoux and children place a poinsettia in memory of Carolyn and Jim Fayssoux.

Two poinsettias in memory of Helen and Erwin Austin are given by John and Carole Austin and children and Jim and Martha Fayssoux and children.

Bill and Jeanie Stoddard gift two poinsettias in memory of Thomas and Pauline Pillow and Bill and Ruby Stoddard.

The Hope Class places a poinsettia in honor of Lee and Pat Counts.

A poinsettia in honor of Bill and Mary Ruth Lacy is given by Bill Wells.

Jim Cauble gives a poinsettia in memory of Joan Cauble.

Tom and Sherry Atkinson gift two poinsettias in memory of their parents, Ben and Louise Atkinson and Floyd and Genie Jones.

Julie Cline places a poinsettia in memory of her husband, David M. Cline, one in memory of her father, Richard C. Burts Jr., and one in honor of her mother, Annamarie Burts.

A poinsettia in memory of Oscar Funderburk is given by his family.

Becky and Bobby Hartness place two poinsettias in memory of Tom and Edna Hartness.

Tom and Janet Huskey gift four poinsettias in memory of their parents, Bryan and Helen Huskey and Albert and Ethel Southern.

A poinsettia in memory of Mary Chester ("Chet") Gabrels and J. Leon Gabrels is given by their daughters: Nancy Strange, Laura Gabrels and Anne Peterson.

A poinsettia in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Strange is gifted by Bert and Nancy Strange.

Ralph and Becky Bouton place two poinsettias in memory of their parents, Bill and Frances Bouton and Bill and Blanche Carpenter.

A poinsettia in memory of Helen and John Roberts is gifted by Julie and Joe Freeman.

Gail House gifts a poinsettia in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas Edward House; one in memory of her parents, Grady and Louise Toney; and one in memory of her sister, Sharon T. Newton, and her niece, Lisa M. Carpenter.

For Your Calendar!

- 12/4 7:30pm South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra (Sanctuary)
- 12/5 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: Dylan Rigg
- 12/6 5:00-8:00pm Fundraising Event for Youth Puerto Rico Mission Trip at Moe's (on Augusta)
- 12/7 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
- 12/9 9:30am Joint Adult Sunday School: *The First Christmas Cards* (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30am Second Sunday of Advent
From Darkness to Light – Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 12/12 *Wednesdays at First*
MidWeek Fellowship: Children's Choirs Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
- 12/13 7:00pm S.C. Bach Choir Christmas Concert – ticketed event (Sanctuary)

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 12/1
\$2,400,000

Receipts of 11/29
\$2,155,911

Lula Whilden Offering
Receipts as of 11/29
\$63,628

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

December 3-9
Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

December 10-16
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

Wednesday Supper

Required reservations for the meal must be made by noon on Monday by visiting the church website or calling the church office. Permanent reservations for the 2018-2019 year are available. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

Menu

December 5

Adults: Sliced Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes and Zucchini Bake, Butter Basil Carrots, Spinach Salad, Dessert
Kids: Fish Sticks, Buttered Corn, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit, Cookies

December 12

Adults: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert
Kids: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

- 3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper
- 4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open
- 5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions and Choirs
- 6:00pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship
- 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Care List as of 12/3/18

Hospitals

Roger C. Peace: Rusty Browning

Rehab

Cascades: Pat Stephens

Returned Home...

Curtis Kennedy

Sympathy to...

...the family of Harvey Sanders.

Churchwide Breakfast

Our congregation will join together for breakfast at 9:15am on Sunday, December 30, in the Fellowship Hall.

Reservations may be made on the website by choosing Online Registrations or directly at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/churchwide-breakfast> or by calling the church office.

Drivers Needed

Residents of Cascades and Rolling Green are transported to and from First Baptist Greenville on Sunday mornings. We are in need of additional drivers to continue this needed ministry. Please contact Juli Morrow at juli.morrow@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 233-2527 ext. 117.

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Introducing...

Drew Wilborn, 205 Ashby Drive, Greenville, SC 29609, joined FBG during worship on



Sunday, November 25, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism. Drew is employed with Fluor.

Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part of Ministry to Families, offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be appreciated. Those in need of this service may contact Committee Chair Mary Rankin rankinma@yahoo.com or 630-2894.