

WORSHIP

**Sunday,
December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent
10:30am in the Sanctuary
Hanging of the Green
Family Dedication**

Scripture: Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5
Sermon: A Christmas Tour of Homes
Service Choirs: Archangel, Treble, Junior and Sanctuary Choirs
Anthems: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" – *PRAETORIUS*; "Advent Song" – *BARNARD/BARNARD*; "The Holly and the Ivy" – arr. *PARKER/SHAW*; "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" – *JENNINGS*

Soloist: Simon Mislér

Advent Decoration

The Sanctuary and church grounds are decorated for the season by members of the Flower Guild. The poinsettias are gifts from church members. Those dedications will be printed in future issues of *The Branch*.

The lights on the outdoor tree are given by Joan and Mike Kellett in honor of their 10 grandchildren.

From the Organist

Read more about our music at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>

Advent and Christmas Activities

December 1-15
MinisTREE Gift
Donations to Benefit
Local Families,
Reception Area or
[myregistry.com/giftlist/
2019fbgministree](http://myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree)

December 1
9:30am Joint Advent
Sunday School "Global
Advent Traditions" –
Honduras with Carlos
and Marisa Handal
(Fellowship Hall)

10:30am First Sunday of
Advent
Hanging of the Green
Family Dedication
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Archangel, Treble,
Junior, and Sanctuary
Choirs

December 4
*Wednesdays at First
Activities*

3:00-7:00pm Youth
Christmas Decorating
Party and Senior Tree
(AYMC Terrace Level)

December 6
10:30am First Friday
Lunch and More:
Kendra Plating
with Ryland Brown
(Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Chicora Voices
Holiday Concert
– ticketed event
(Sanctuary)

December 8
9:30am Joint Advent
Sunday School "Global
Advent Traditions"
– Mali with Robin
and Trevor Barton
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30am Second
Sunday of Advent
Lula Whilden Bank
Return

Family Dedication
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Melody/Harmony
Choir, Vocare,
Sanctuary Choir and
Instrumentalists

11:30am-2:30pm
Children's Ministry
Event: Caroling and
Cocoa

4:00-5:30pm Preschool
Ministry Christmas
Activity

December 10
8:30am-5:00pm Holy
Rollers to Asheville
Outlet Mall and Lunch
at Harbor Inn Seafood

7:30pm South Carolina
Governor's School
for the Arts and
Humanities Sinfonia
Chamber Orchestra
Concert – Free Event
(Sanctuary)

December 11
3:30-7:00pm Youth on
the Town (Bertolo's
Pizza and First on
Main)

6:00pm First on Main
(NOMA Square)

December 13
7:00pm Greenville
Gay Men's Chorus
Holiday Concert "Make
the Yuletide Gay" –
suggested donation
(Fellowship Hall)

December 15
9:00-10:15am Youth
Christmas Breakfast
and White Elephant
(AYMC Terrace Level)

9:30am Joint Advent
Sunday School "Global
Advent Traditions" –
England with Bert
and Nancy Strange
(Fellowship Hall)

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Reminders

MinisTREE
Ornaments on Reception Desk Tree or
www.myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree
Return by December 15

Wednesdays at First Activities
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/
wednesday-night-supper/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/)
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/
registration-pre-child-2019-2020/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/registration-pre-child-2019-2020/)

Christmas Poinsettias
[https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-
poinsettias/](https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/)
Order by This Week



JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Advent season for a tour of Christmas traditions from around the world. We will hear from families who have lived outside of the United States. They will share with us stories of how this season is observed in different and similar ways to our own. We hope you will take advantage of this time to meet together with other adult Sunday School classes as we discover the various ways that Christ's birth is celebrated across God's kingdom.

Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:15am

December 1

Carlos and Marisa Handal—Honduras

December 8

Robin and Trevor Barton—Mali

December 15

Bert and Nancy Strange—England

December 22

Mapitso Molebatsi Rivera—South Africa

Prayers of Advent Music Premier

Prayers of Advent is a new piece for choir and chamber orchestra with music by Shelton Ridge Love and text by Jim Dant. Our Sanctuary Choir is preparing this music for three Sunday morning services during Advent: December 8, 15 and 22. We are excited to be the first to sing and hear this beautiful music and share it with our congregation and community. The piece is divided into three movements based on ancient Hebrew texts and English lyrics:

“Zechariah’s Prayer”—a lyrical prayer for God’s mercy and peace alternating with a celebrative, rhythmically propelling music of blessing for the God of Israel.

“Mary’s Song”—the radical words of the Magnificat: “My soul magnifies the Lord...God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly....” The music is an unusual, beautiful setting of the wonder of Mary in this incredible circumstance.

“The Angels’ Message”—“Fear not, God is still with us...”—a powerful setting of this text that

we always need to hear and remember.

We hope that you will set aside time for each of our Advent services this season—for thoughtfully crafted services of music, prayers and the spoken word from Jim Dant. The joyful Hanging of the Green service begins Advent on December 1. The Sunday evening, December 22, Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols and the 5pm Christmas Eve Communion service have become the most loved services of the year in our community.

—Vivian

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

10:30am Third Sunday of Advent

Family Dedication

Jim Dant, Proclaimer

Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists

6:00pm Longest Night Service (Carpenter Chapel)

December 18

3:30-7:00pm Youth Family Christmas Gathering with Special Guests

December 20

10:00am First Baptist Day School Christmas Celebration

College Christmas Party

6:30pm Roadrunners to Holiday at Peace: Diane Penning and Paul Langford

December 22

9:30am Joint Advent Sunday School “Global Advent Traditions” – South Africa with Mapitso Molebatsi Rivera (Fellowship Hall)

10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jim Dant, Proclaimer

Bell Tower Ringers

Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists

6:30pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service of Communion

Family Dedication

Jim Dant, Proclaimer

December 29

9:15am Churchwide Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

No Sunday School

10:30am First Sunday of Christmas

Kyle Matthews, Proclaimer

January 5

10:30am Epiphany Sunday

Deacon Ordination

Matt Rollins, Proclaimer

Archangel and Treble Choirs

Happy Birthday!

Please remember these members of our congregation celebrating birthdays who are not always able to be with us in worship:

December 1
Margaret Faile
Rolling Green
4 Hoke Smith Blvd.
#125
Greenville, SC 29615

Carolyn Furman (95)
The Cascades
30 Springcrest Court
#245
Greenville, SC 29607

December 3
Bill Black
213 McDaniel Ave.
Greenville, SC 29601

December 4
Ann Jones
The Cascades
2 Fountainview Terrace
#103
Greenville, SC 29607

December 13
Mavis Bodie (96)
Waterstone on Augusta
1004 Augusta St.
#1206
Greenville, SC 29605

December 18
Dee Buford
Woodlands at Furman
1231 Trailhead Court
Greenville, SC 29617

First Friday Lunch and More

DECEMBER 6, 10:30AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

The morning includes a time of fellowship with games, a book review, and an entertaining program of Christmas music presented by Kendra Plating and Ryland Brown. The program will be followed by a delicious lunch. Reservations are required for lunch. Contact Shanda LaForge at 233-2527 ext. 111 for any senior adult activities.

ROADRUNNERS GO TO SHOW

December 20
Holiday at Peace
Vocal Duo: Diane Penning and Paul Langford
Depart FBG at 6:30pm
Show begins 7:30pm
\$35 for Bus and Show

HOLY ROLLERS SHOP

December 10
Shop: Asheville Outlet Mall
Lunch: Harbor Inn Seafood
Depart Enoree Baptist at 8:30am
Return around 5:00pm

Poinsettias

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Our Flower Guild is scheduling workdays to get our worship space, Narthex, and exterior of our building festive for the season, and orders for wreaths and poinsettias have deadlines that are quickly approaching. As a faith family, we will put the finishing touches on our Sanctuary during the Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday morning, December 1, when we

celebrate the symbolism of the decorations.

The cost of the decorations is offset by the donations of church members. Church members may purchase poinsettias to help provide all of our decorations. The poinsettias may be given in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. A list of all memorials and honor gifts will be published in upcoming editions of the newsletter. We have a new option for giving this

year—online! If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/> and follow the instructions to submit your dedications. You may even pay online! If you would prefer, you may still mail the following information and your payment (checks payable to First Baptist Church) to me at church or drop it off in person. Orders and checks (\$30 each) should be received this week!

—Kimberly

Name _____ Dedication: In honor of or in memory of _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Number of Poinsettias (\$30 each) _____

I will pick up poinsettia(s) immediately following worship service on Christmas Eve, 12/24. yes no

Mail to: Kimberly Coates, c/o First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC, 29601

For Your Calendar!

- 11/27-30 AYMC and Church Offices
Closed in Celebration of
Thanksgiving
- 12/1 10:30am First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Green
Family Dedication
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
- 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir
Room)
- 12/4 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
- 12/6 10:30am First Friday Lunch and
More: Kendra Plating (Fellowship
Hall)
- 7:00pm Chicora Voices Holiday
Concert—ticketed event
(Sanctuary)
- 12/8 9:30am Joint Advent Sunday
School “Global Advent
Traditions”—Mali with Robin and
Trevor Barton (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30am Second Sunday of Advent
Lula Whilden Bank Return
Family Dedication
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Melody/Harmony Choir, Vocare,
Sanctuary Choir, and
Instrumentalists
- 11:30am-2:30pm Children’s Event:
Caroling and Cocoa

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/23
\$2,440,381

Receipts as of 11/22
\$2,170,561

Lula Whilden World Missions
Offering 2019 Goal: \$125,000

Receipts as of 11/22
\$59,990

Pastoral Care

On Call Nights and Weekends

November 25-December 1

Jim Dant
478-737-7298 (m)

December 2-8
Kyle Matthews
551-0829 (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 the Monday prior by
visiting the church website or calling the
church office. Permanent reservations for
the 2019-2020 year are available. Serving
lines open 4:45-6:00pm.

November 27

There are no *Wednesdays at First* activities
tonight.

December 4

Adult: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples,
Salad, Dessert

Child: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip,
Fresh Fruit, Cookies

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

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

Care List as of 11/25/2019

Hospitals

St. Francis – Downtown: Rosalind
Tedards

Rehab

Roger C. Peace: Kathy Sharp

Recently Discharged

Shirley Smith, Sara Hays, Joe Greer, Jim
Jernigan

Follow us on Livestream!

If you are not already aware, all of our
worship services are broadcast live,
online, and may be viewed from anywhere
on the planet using this link:

<https://livestream.com/fbcgreenvillesc>

Also, by going to that page and clicking
the “follow” button, you will be notified
with a link whenever we create a new
event, and you will be notified when
that event goes live. It’s an easy way to
participate in worship if you cannot be
here in person and to share our services
with others. The links to services are easily
copied and shared with friends via email,
text or social media. The video remains
available online up to 90 days after the
service.


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Need a Ride to a Medical Appointment?

The Medical Appointment Transportation
Committee 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 at rankinma@yahoo.com or
630-2894.

Radio Broadcast

Please tune in to 91.9FM or 92.9FM on
Sunday morning to listen to the worship
service. If you have an HD radio, you may
tune in to 89.3-HD4. We are no longer
broadcasting on AM660. You may still visit
our website (<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship/>)
for links to listen as well as
watch our worship services.



Save the Date—March 7, 2020

It is one great day of ministry by the
church to its neighbors in need!