

## Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Services

**Sunday, December 1, 10:30am**

**First Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary)**

**The Candle of Hope**

The Hanging of the Green Service prepares the house of the Lord and our hearts for the Advent season with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre ["Magnificat"], Vocare, Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists and soloists.

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:00pm**

**Wednesdays@First MidWeek Classic (Fellowship Hall)**

This Service of Hope and Healing around the tables, led by FBG ministers, will embrace both the joy and sorrow of the season, holding both with hope.

**Sunday, December 8, 10:30am**

**Second Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary)**

**The Candle of Peace**

This Christmas Music Service will lead you "On the Way to Bethlehem" and will feature Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir and instrumentalists.

**Wednesday, December 11, 6:00pm**

**Wednesdays@First MidWeek Classic (Fellowship Hall)**

This evening's Advent Party will include games, music and a special dessert from Uptown!

**Sunday, December 15, 10:30am**

**Third Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary)**

**The Candle of Joy**

This worship service celebrates the joy of the season with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre ["Benedictus"], Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists and Bell Tower Ringers.

**Sunday, December 22, 10:30am**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary)**

**The Candle of Love**

This worship service celebrates the season with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre ["Gloria"], Sanctuary Choir and instrumentalists.

**Sunday, December 22, 6:30pm**

**Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)**

This service of scripture reading and music with congregational candle lighting is held to celebrate the season. A special Lula Whilden Missions Offering is collected.

**Tuesday, December 24, 5:00pm**

**Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)**

This family service includes communion and a special offering for Local Relief.

**Sunday, December 29, 10:30am**

**First Sunday of Christmas (Sanctuary)**

Continue celebrating the season in family worship with Proclaimer Kyle Matthews ["Nunc Dimittis"] and Sanctuary Choir. (There will be no Sunday School or childcare.)

**Sunday, January 5, 10:30am**

**Epiphany Sunday (Sanctuary)**

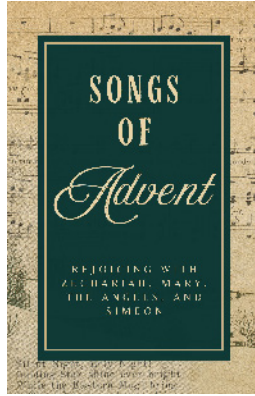
Celebrate Epiphany with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre and Sanctuary Choir.

**If you can't worship with us in person, visit our church website, [firstbaptistgreenville.com](http://firstbaptistgreenville.com), to view online.**



## Poinsettias

Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/> to order a poinsettia for Advent decorating. You may even pay online!



## FBG Advent Meditations

First Baptist Greenville will once again have an in-house Advent Devotional Booklet. They will be available at the Reception Desk daily and the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays. The devotions begin with the First Sunday of Advent on December 1 and conclude with Christmas Day. During this season of preparation, let this booklet help you draw closer to God and your church family.

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## FBDS Christmas Celebration

First Baptist Day School will hold their annual Christmas Celebration Program on Friday, December 20, at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. The church community is invited to join as fours and fives tell the story of the first Christmas.



## Advent Sunday School Series

Each Advent, the Spiritual Formation Committee hosts an Advent Sunday School series in the Fellowship Hall for any interested adult. All classes, individuals and visitors are welcome to attend! The 2024 theme is, "Who Is My Neighbor?" and will explore ways the church and individuals can answer the call to be a more generous and connected community. Hands Producing Hope, a handcrafted goods collective, will host a pop-up shop on December 8, 15 and 22 for attendees to practice loving our neighbors through conscious Christmas shopping. Each purchase of a handmade piece from artisans around the world supports artisan training, literacy programs and maternal health initiatives and uses sustainable, local materials. Come learn and shop all at once!

## Bridge Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6-8PM  
at Camille and Matthew's Home

Join with other young adults to celebrate the season! Bridge is FBG's Young Adult Ministry for members and friends in their 20s and 30s.

## Bell Tower Ringers in Concert

DECEMBER 15, 3:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Bell Tower Ringers will ring in the season with a Christmas concert. Begin your holiday season with joyful ringing!

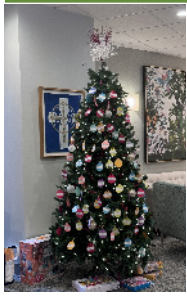
## Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Music

All of our worship services have wonderful music, but make special note of these music-heavy services.

**December 1, 10:30am**  
Hanging of the Green

**December 8, 10:30am**  
On the Way to Bethlehem Music  
Service with Sanctuary Choir and  
Chamber Orchestra

**December 22, 6:30pm**  
Candlelight Service of Lessons and  
Carols



## MinisTREE

Please select a wish-list item from the MinisTREE in the Reception Area and return your unwrapped items to the church by December 1. We have many families so need many

shoppers. Thanks for your participation in this meaningful way to share the joy of the season!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast

JANUARY 5, 2024, 9:00AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Start the year with a hot breakfast and fellowship! Watch for more information, including cost and reservations. Save the Date!

CHURCH LIFE

## Children's Sunday Funday

DECEMBER 8

### 1st-5th Grades Christmas Party

1:00-5:00pm on Children's Hall (B420)

Elementary children will enjoy some games, snacks and Christmas caroling.

### K3-K5 Christmas Party

3:30-5:00pm on Children's Hall (B420)

Children will enjoy some games, snacks and crafts.

## Devotions for Children

Families with children are invited to join in searching for the *Light of the World* this Advent and Christmas season. This resource can be used as an intentional time each week to pause and talk about faith in an accessible way for families with children of a variety of ages. Devotional kits will be available for pickup in the Narthex after the Sunday service, as well as on the Children's Ministry and Nursery hallways.

CHILDREN

## Events for Youth

**Youth Christmas Decorating Party, White Elephant and Senior Tree**—December 8, 5:00-7:00pm in the AYMC

### Youth on the Town

December 11, 5:00-7:00pm in Downtown Greenville  
Drop Off and Pick Up Downtown  
Antonino Bertolo's Pizza and Hyatt Festival of Trees

### Youth Christmas Fellowship Breakfast

December 15, 9:00-10:15am in the AYMC

## College Christmas Party

December 20

6:00pm

Location TBD

Gather with your college friends to enjoy good fellowship, food and fun!

YOUTH-COLLEGE

## Engaged Aging Events

Reserve your spot for any of these events at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/senioradulthevents/>

### Friday Lunch & More

December 6, 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Join your friends in the Fellowship Hall for games or in the Media Center for a book review of *A Girl Named Samson*, led by Jean Linville. The main program, Christmas music with David Hamilton and his band, will begin at 11:00am. Lunch (\$5) will be served after the program.

### Holy Rollers Visit Bridgeway Station

December 10, 11:00am-2:00pm

Celebrate the season with a little shopping and lunch at our local castle! Lunch will be pay your own.

### Roadrunners Christmas at Home Gathering

December 15, Noon-3:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the season with delicious treats, joyful music and great company.

ENGAGED AGING

## Upcoming Events

**WATCH** indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

MinisTREE Ornaments Available in Reception Area – Return Unwrapped Gifts to the Tree by Sunday, December 1.

**11/20 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)

*Wednesdays@First* Activities

**6:00pm** *Adults@First* Opportunities  
MidWeek Classic: Sharing Our Stories (Fellowship Hall)

**11/21 11:00am** Roadrunners Visit the Italian Garden Greek and Italian Restaurant

**11/24 9:30am** First Baptist 101 (Media Center) *FB101 is a 4-week informational series for visitors, new members, and anyone curious to learn more about FBG's history and ways to engage.*

**WATCH 10:30am** Reign of Christ Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

**11:30am** Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Parlor)

**11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

**5:00-7:00pm** LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)

**11/27-29** FBG Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

**11/30 10am-12noon** Bridge Meet-Up at Swamp Rabbit Holiday Flea Market

**12/1 9:15am** Advent Sunday School: Who Is My Neighbor? (Fellowship Hall)—“My Neighbor’s Voice” with Victoria Chance

**WATCH 10:30am** First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Green Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

**11:30am** Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**12/4 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)

*Wednesdays@First* Activities

*Meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.*

**6:00pm** *Adults@First* Opportunities  
MidWeek Classic: Service of Hope and Healing (Fellowship Hall)

**12/6 10:30am-1:00pm** Friday Lunch & More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesdays@First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

**4:00-7:00pm** *Youth@First*: Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)

**5:00-6:00pm** Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

**5:30-7:00pm** *Children@First*: Childcare for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)

**5:45-7:00pm** *Children@First*: K4 & K5 Co-Creator Block & Playtime (B422)

**5:45-6:10pm** *Children@First*: 1st-5th Grade Choir (B423)

*Children@First*: Gathering Time (Media Center)

**6:15-7:00pm** *Children@First*: Co-Creator Block (B424)

**6:00-7:00pm** *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)

**7:00-8:30pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



## Wednesday Night Supper

Please make reservations by noon on Monday at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

### November 20

**Adult:** Steak & Ale Pie, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Fruit, Dessert

**Child:** Pigs in a Blanket

### November 27

*Wednesdays@First* has a night off. Come back when supper returns on December 4.

## Annual Church Yard Sale

To donate items to the Annual Church Yard Sale, contact Matt Rollins at [matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:matt.rollins@firstbaptistgreenville.com)

## Sympathy

The Pastoral Care Ministry is unaware of any new sympathies this week.

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## Revenue Report

11/12/2024 YTD: \$2,179,418

11/30/2023 Actual: \$2,267,213

11/30/2024 Budget: \$2,690,417



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## For After Hours Pastoral Care Emergencies, please

call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, leave a message by pressing the number “2” for “Pastoral Care Emergencies” or email [pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com). One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.