

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

November 26

Happy Thanksgiving! This is a Breathe week with no *Wednesdays@First* activities. We will gather again in Advent on December 3. Supper will be served at 5:00pm. Make supper reservations and view menus at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

WORSHIP

November 30

The First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

10:30am

Proclaimer: Camille Loomis Rehnberg

Sermon Series: God's Peace-able Kingdom

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Service Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

The decorations in the Sanctuary are provided by gifts from congregation members. A list of poinsettia dedications will be published later in the season.

November 26–28

Church Offices
closed for Thanksgiving

November 30

9:30am

Advent Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)

December 3

7:00-8:00pm

Annual Yard Sale Holiday Fair
(C114)

Advent is a season when people long for hope, connection, and meaning, which makes it a great time to invite someone to attend worship with you! Visit <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/advent-christmas/> to view all of our Christmas services and activities.

Sunday, November 30

10:30am First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Green Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg, including the Advent Candle of Hope
We'll prepare the house of the Lord and our hearts for Advent.

Wednesday, December 3

6:00pm MidWeek Classic: Service of Hope & Healing (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 7

10:30am Second Sunday of Advent: Music Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Sanctuary Choir, Strings and Soloist Craig Price, including the Advent Candle of Peace

Wednesday, December 10

6:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunity, MidWeek Classic: Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 14

10:30am Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including the Advent Candle of Joy and Baptism

Sunday, December 21

10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including the Advent Candle of Love and Harp



6:30pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)

This service of scripture readings and music with congregational candle lighting is held to celebrate the season.

Wednesday, December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service of Communion (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Carol McEntyre & Bridget Kokolis—All Worship Together—No Childcare

Thursday, December 25-Monday, December 29

FBG Closed in Celebration of Christmas

Sunday, December 28

10:30am First Sunday of Christmas Family Worship (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins—All Worship Together—No Sunday School or Childcare

Sunday, January 4

9:15am Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Make reservations for breakfast (\$10/adult, \$5/child) on Realm by December 31.

10:30am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Happy Birthday!

Remember these members celebrating birthdays in October who may not always be able to be with us in worship:

Peggy Nielson
12/8

Karen Tomblin
12/9

Jim Childress
12/12

BrooksStuart
12/13

Peggy Stone
12/25



Deadline Extended: Get Your Poinsettia Dedications Now

The First Sunday of Advent is November 30. As a faith family, we will celebrate the symbolism of the decorations in our Sanctuary during the Hanging of the Green Service that morning. Don't miss this meaningful service!

If you are interested in helping decorate our spaces, be in contact with Charmaine Fuller or Leah Wynn, Flower Guild Co-Chairs, or me (kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or 864-233-2527 ext. 128). Help is requested for decorating the Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary and beyond.

The decorations are provided 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 an online option for giving again—this year utilizing Realm. (Be sure to get your account set up, if you have not yet done so. It has many helpful uses!) If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, visit tinyurl.com/FBG-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 at the Reception Desk.

—Kimberly Coates,
Music & Worship Ministry Assistant

Name: _____

 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Number of Poinsettias (\$30 each): _____
 Dedication (In honor of or in memory of): _____

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

Homemade Treats Needed!



Our church family has participated in our College Care Package ministry for many years. If you were a college student or have raised a college student in this church family, then you know how meaningful this ministry is for all those who receive it.

Our care packages are packed by our Youth Family and include study supplies, snacks, handwritten notes, and—best of all—homemade treats donated by you, members of FBG’s congregation! This ministry helps us maintain contact with our college students, reminds them of our prayers during this stressful time of the year, and sends our love and care to them while they are away from home.

All homemade goodies are due on Sunday, November 30. Donations may be dropped off in the bins at the front desk. Please divide your treats into sealable Ziploc® bags with 2–4 items per bag.

—Sarah Dunn, Youth & College Ministry Assistant

Advent Sunday School Begins November 30

This year’s Advent Sunday School series for adults begins Sunday, November 30. The four-week series will meet on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. The series will explore the birth story of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew with an emphasis on the latter half of the story. What happens to Jesus, Mary and Joseph after Jesus is born? Matthew 2 tracks the Holy Family’s escape to Egypt to flee a violent regime, their time as migrants and refugees, and eventual return to Galilee. Each Sunday, we will study a section of Matthew 2 and learn from Greenville nonprofit leaders advocating and supporting people living through similar situations today.

Dive deeper into the whole story of Jesus’ birth as we anticipate the coming of Christ Emmanuel, God with us. Come early for coffee at 9:15am or for the lesson at 9:30am. All adults in the congregation and community are invited to participate.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg, Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach

November 30

Matthew 2:13-15

Guest: Brandon Baughn
with World Relief

December 7

Matthew 2:16-18

Guest: David White with
Fostering Great Ideas

December 14

Matthew 2:1-12

Guest: Fikret and Zeliha
Burgazli with Palmetto
Care and Share Institute

December 21

Matthew 2:14-15, 19-23

Guest: Adrick Caesar with
The Good Shepherd’s House

Advent
Adult Sunday School



9:30am
November 30 - December 21
Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 11/25 1:00-2:00pm Engaged Aging Late Lunch Bunch: City Range
- 11/26-11/28 Church Offices and AYMC Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/30 MinisTREE Gifts Due
9:30am Advent Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Green Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnborg
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 12/3 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level) *Wednesdays@First* Activities
7:00-8:00pm Annual Yard Sale Holiday Fair (C114)
- 12/4 9:00am-4:00pm Annual Yard Sale Holiday Fair (C114)
- 12/5 10:30am-1:00pm Engaged Aging Lunch & More Christmas Sing-Along (Fellowship Hall)
- 12/7 9:15am Advent Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Second Sunday of Advent: All Music Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 12/10 MidWeek Christmas Party
7:00-8:00pm Annual Yard Sale Holiday Fair (C114)
- 12/11 9:00am-4:00pm Annual Yard Sale Holiday Fair (C114)
- 12/14 9:00am Youth Breakfast (Terrace Level)
9:30am Advent Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Third Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Bell Tower Ringers, Children's Choir and Baptism
11:30am-2:30pm Engaged Aging Christmas Party with Children's Choir Performance (Fellowship Hall)
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth Family (AYMC)
- 12/21 **WATCH** 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Baptism
WATCH 6:30pm Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

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- 12/24 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 12/25, 26, 29 FBG Closed for Christmas
- 12/28 **WATCH** 10:30am First Sunday of Christmas Family Worship (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins—All Worship Together—No Sunday School or Childcare
- 12/31 *Breathe* Week—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 1/4 9:15am Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
WATCH 10:30am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)—No Sunday School
- 1/5 Noon-2:00pm College Pasta Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 1/7 *Breathe* Week—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir

Sympathy

...to Jennifer Stevenson and family in the death of her father.

...to the family of Darrell Corder.

Introducing

...Jeff Day and Emily Fisher who joined our church on Sunday, November 16 during worship.

...David and Suzanne Lee who became members on November 16. They are involved in our Engaged Aging ministry and Sanctuary Choir.

...Brittney Taylor who joined our church during worship on November 16.

Be sure to welcome all our new members!

Mission Backpack is looking for volunteers to shop and deliver food bags, as well as accepting donations of pop-top canned pasta. Contact elainebarnhill@gmail.com for more information.

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10/31/2025 Budget: \$2,733,500



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For After Hours Pastoral Care, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, leave a message by pressing the number "2" for "Pastoral Care" or email pastoral.care@firstbaptistgreenville.com. One of our staff ministers will respond to your message.