

Kelsie Barrineau, Herring Choral Scholar, is the soloist this evening.

Gregory Tompkins is the violinist.

A Youth Family member is leading the motions for the hymn this evening.



This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

The Christmas Story is adapted from *God's Stories as Told by God's Children* by The Bible for Normal People.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 25-Monday, December 29

FBG Closed in Celebration of Christmas

Wednesday, December 31

Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities

Thursday, January 1

FBG Closed in Observance of New Year's Day

Sunday, January 4

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

10:30am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre – No Sunday School

Monday, January 5

Noon-2:00pm College Pasta Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)

Wednesday, January 7

Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 11

10:30am Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Deacon Ordination and Installation

5:00-7:00 Parent Dinner Party (Fellowship Hall)

Parents and Guardians of students involved in the Preschool, Children, and Youth ministries are invited to gather for an evening of building community, making connections, and discussing best parenting practices.

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

6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

Wednesday, January 14

7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)  
All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.

Lula Whilden

World Missions Offering  
\$61,417



Revenue Report

12/16/2025 YTD: \$2,750,472  
12/31/2024 Actual: \$2,964,671  
12/31/2025 Budget: \$2,982,000



## Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

Family Service of Communion

Five O'Clock in the Evening

### Epiphany Breakfast

January 4, 2026

9:15am

(Fellowship Hall)

Make reservations on Realm by December 31.

Mary Carol Anderson  
Youth and College

Julie Fayssoux  
First Baptist Day School

Bridget Kokolis  
Children

Camille Loomis Rehnberg  
Spiritual Formation  
and Outreach

Jenna Manning  
Church Operations

Kyle Matthews  
Pastoral Care

Carol McEntyre  
Senior Minister

Michael McEntyre  
Engaged Aging

Laura Ritter  
Music

Matt Rollins  
Community Engagement

Charles Tompkins  
Organist

Andrew Tonks  
Associate Youth and College

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

[www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/](http://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/)

Links to view or listen to previous services are also available.

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# Christmas Eve Worship

Prelude

Season's Greeting Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Processional Pastoral Symphony G.F. Handel

Call to Worship and Lighting of Advent Candles  
Kyle Matthews and Andrew Tonks

We gather in the soft glow of this holy evening, waiting for good news.

**Jesus is born tonight!**

We come to listen for the story that begins in the quiet – a story of **Hope** wrapped in swaddling cloth.

**Jesus is born tonight.**

We open our hearts to a world made new, where **Peace** grows like light and every person has a place at the manger.

**Jesus is born tonight.**

Come, let us make room for wonder. Let us make room for **Joy**.

**Jesus is born tonight!**

Come, let us make room for compassion. Let us make room for Christ's **Love**.

**Jesus is born tonight!**

With open hearts and ready voices, let us hear again the story of Jesus' birth.

The Christmas Story Candace Dickinson and Youth Reader

*An angel visits Mary.*

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (hymn 66) GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Joseph and Mary go on a journey.*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (hymn 83) ST. LOUIS

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*Mary and Joseph find no room in the inn.*

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (hymn 78) W ZLOBIE LEZY

(All are invited to follow along with the motions.)

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!*

*Jesus is born.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (hymn 79) CAROL

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heaven's all-gracious King"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Jesus is laid in the manger.*

"Away in a Manger" (hymn 70) MUELLER

(Children through grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

*Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

Children's Message Bridget Kokolis and Carol McEntyre

*Angels visit the shepherds.*

"What Child Is This" (hymn 89) GREENSLEEVES

(Children return to seats in the congregation.)

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
In Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Offertory Prayer Matt Rollins

Offering for Local Relief

During 2025, your gifts to the Local Relief Fund have provided more than \$55,000 for food, rent, utilities, health care and other assistance to area families.

Méditation Jules Massenet

The Lord's Supper Mary Carol Anderson and Michael McEntyre

All served communion bread is gluten-free.

"Virgin's Slumber Song" Max Reger, arr. Proulx

\*Benediction Carol McEntyre

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 80) ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

Postlude Chorale Prelude, "In Dulci Jubilo," BWV 729 J.S. Bach  
(“In Sweetest Joy”)

Our Service of Worship has ended.  
Our Worship through Service begins.  
Depart in Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!