

December 22, 2025

WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

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Wednesdays@First are completed for 2025. Join us as we resume gathering on January 14, 2026. Supper will be served at 5:00pm. Make supper reservations and view menus at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

WORSHIP

December 24

Christmas Eve

Family-Friendly Service (No Childcare)

Communion

5:00pm

Proclaimers: Carol McEntyre, Bridget Kokolis

December 28

The First Sunday of Christmas

10:30am

Proclaimer: Matt Rollins

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: The Weight

(No Childcare)

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

10:30am

Proclaimer: Carol McEntyre

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18; Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon: Always Was, Always Is: The Eternal Christ

The decorations in the Sanctuary are provided by gifts from congregation members.



From the
Senior
Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

We all long for connection with one another, within a community where we belong, and for a sense of meaning at the beginning of a new year. Epiphany Sunday at First Baptist offers these gifts, and we hope you will be part of it!

We will begin the new year together with a hot, church-wide breakfast during the Sunday School hour, **from 9:15 AM until 10:15 AM on Sunday, January 4**. This breakfast offers an opportunity to deepen your connections with other First Baptist folks. It will also replace regular Sunday School for the day (for both children and adults) and serves as our one shared gathering before worship. There will also be no Worship Care during the Sunday School hour.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, buttermilk and blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, and fruit. The cost is **\$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 10 and under)**. Please register and prepay

on Realm by **December 31**. Meals are guaranteed only for those who register by the deadline. Do you have family or friends visiting for the holidays? Guests are welcome and may be registered in advance on Realm.

After breakfast, we will worship together and celebrate Epiphany, the day that marks the end of the Christmas season. One of the most meaningful parts of Epiphany Sunday is the way we worship across generations. Our children and youth are invited to help lead worship through a special processional of stars and lights, reminding us of Christ's light shining in the world. Children and youth attending the Epiphany Breakfast will leave the Fellowship Hall together at **10:00 AM**. You may also meet us in the Sanctuary at **10:05 AM** to ensure we have plenty of time to practice before worship begins.

Begin your year by reconnecting with First Baptist friends, old and new, and join us for breakfast, worship, and the celebration of Christ's light among us.

—Carol

December 31

Breathe Week—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities

January 7

Breathe Week—No *Wednesdays@First* Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

January 11

5:00-7:00pm
Parent Education Night on Body Safety and Security (Fellowship Hall)

Poinsettia Dedications

Members of our congregation provided the beautiful poinsettias displayed in our Sanctuary.

One poinsettia is given

...in memory of Gregg Gallagher by his family.

...by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter in memory of Robert L. Shaw.

...in honor of the Johnson Sunday School Class by Prudence Taylor.

...by the Hope Sunday School Class in memory of Clark Mizell.

...in memory of Richard Harper by his family.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her husband, Robert C. Holt.

...in memory of Gordon Herring by Betty and Austin Connors.

...by Parma Holt in memory of her son, David Parker Holt.

...in memory of Sharon Taylor by Betty and Austin Connors.

...by Thomas Bruce in memory of Larkin and Jean Bruce.

...in honor of Sue, Jay, Holly and Edie Grady by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux.

...by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux in honor of Morgan Fayssoux.

...in memory of Verda and Scott Fayssoux by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux.

...by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux in honor of all their children and grandchildren.

...in memory of Cathey Fayssoux by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux.

...by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux in memory of Moe and Lila Fayssoux Moseley.

...in memory of Carlos and Mary Jo Fayssoux Garner by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux.

...by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux in memory of Pete Fayssoux.

...in memory of Jack Grady by Jim and Emily Grady Fayssoux.

...by Phyllis and Jim Altenbern in memory of Dot and Gene Hammeth, parents of Phyllis.

...in memory of Johnny Flynn by his wife, children and grandchildren.

...by Phyllis and Jim Altenbern in memory of Bob and Audrey Altenbern, parents of Jim.

...in loving memory and appreciation for Ruth and Henry Little by their family.

...by Bert and Nancy Strange in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Strange.

...in loving memory and appreciation for Sharon and Bill Lewis by their family.

...by Nancy Strange, Laura Gabrels and Anne Peterson in memory of John Leon Gabrels and Mary Chester Stallings (Chet) Gabrels.

...in memory of Jim and Carolyn Fayssoux by Jim and Martha Fayssoux and family.



...by Kathy Barksdale in memory of her mother, Joanne Ezzard Barksdale.

...in memory of Oscar Funderburk Jr. by his wife, Sandra Funderburk, and family.

...by Pam Kenney-McIntyre in memory of John and Norma Kenney.

...in memory of Clay and Gerri McIntyre by Cindy Kenney-McIntyre.

...by Julie Cline in memory of David M Cline.

...in memory of Annamarie and Richard Burts by Julie Cline.

...by Julie Cline in memory of Ed Mixon.

...in memory of Pauline and Thomas Pillow by Jean and Bill Stoddard.

...by Jean and Bill Stoddard in memory of Ruby and Bill Stoddard.

Happy Birthday!

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

Ethel Martin 1/3	Gwen Smith 1/13	Keeter Horton 1/21	Jenice House 1/26	Genevieve Manly 1/27
Connie Houser 1/6	Carolyn Godsey 1/19	Joanne McCoy 1/24	John Snyder 1/26	

PASTORAL CARE

Church Epiphany Breakfast on January 4

Kick off the new year with a churchwide breakfast on Sunday, January 4, 2026! January 4 is Epiphany Sunday, the date in the church year that marks the official end of the Christmas season and commemorates the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. We will celebrate Epiphany as a church family with a hot breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15am).

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Brown Casserole, Buttermilk and Blueberry Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit

Beverages: Coffee, Juices, Water

The cost for meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 10 and under). The meal registration deadline is December 31. Register and pre-pay for breakfast on Realm via the Realm website or Realm app, or at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/fbgepiphany>. Please note that meals are only guaranteed with reservations placed prior to December 31.

Have family in town for the holidays? Bring them! Guests are welcome! You may register your guest in advance on Realm. The breakfast will be the only event during the Sunday School hour on January 4 (no regular Sunday School). There will be no Worship Care during the Sunday School hour.

—Camille Loomis Rehnberg,
Minister of Spiritual Formation & Outreach

CHURCH LIFE

Poinsettia Dedications, continued from page 2

...in memory of Sue Woods Burt and Donny Woods by Jean and Bill Stoddard.

...in honor of John and Jeanette Cothran by Nancy and Stephen Cothran and Andrew Pardue.

...by Kemp and Debbie Mauney in memory of Charles Watson and in honor of Jane Birmingham Morlan.

...in honor of Nancy Cothran by Andrew Pardue and Asa Evans.

...in memory of Joyce and Sam Coates by Lee and Kimberly Coates.

...by Kimberly and Lee Coates in honor of their grandchildren: Cecilia "Cece" Evelyn Coates, Olivia "Livi" Joyce Coates and Samantha "Sam" Eevee Gaunt.

...in memory of Dorothea Thomasson by John Thomasson.

...by John Thomasson in honor of Dr. Tom and Sherry Atkinson.

Two poinsettias are given

...by Tom and Sheri Ledbetter in memory of Robert and Katherine Ledbetter.

...in memory of Gerald Stroud by Lois, Ginny, Stephen and David Stroud and their families.

...by Ralph and Becky Bouton in memory of their parents, Bill and Frances Bouton and Bill and Blanch Carpenter.

...in memory of Fran Nau Jones by her husband, Mark, and her family.

...in memory of Erwin and Helen Austin from the children and families: John and Carole Austin and family, and Jim and Martha Fayssoux and family.

Four poinsettias are given

...by the Carson Class in memory of Mareon Stall, Rusty Criminger, David Evans and Arnold Burrell.

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 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) No Sunday School and no Worship Care during the Sunday School Hour.
- WATCH 10:30am** Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 1/5 Noon-2:00pm** College Pasta Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 1/7** Breathe Week—No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 1/11 WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 5:00-7:00pm** Parent Education Night on Body Safety and Security (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00-7:00pm** Sunday Night Live for Youth Family (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 1/14 7:00am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 2:00pm** Engaged Aging Games and More (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesdays@First** Activities
- 1/18 WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 1/19** FBG Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/25 WATCH 10:30am** Worship Service Including Communion (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 1/28 Noon** Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)
- 1/30-2/1** Youth Winter Retreat

Sympathy

...Erin Maguire and family in the death of her brother.

...to the family of Shirley Wagner.

...to Greta Somerville and family in the death of her husband Graham Somerville.

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Parent Dinner Party January 11

Join us for an evening of learning, connection, and community with other caregivers of children and youth! Enjoy dinner, hear from local experts, and share experiences in a relaxed, conversational setting. We'd love to see you there! Register: <https://shorturl.at/74JEv>

Introducing

...Chris, Allison, Caroline and Jack Foy became members on Sunday, December 14. Allison works for Christ Church Episcopal School and Chris is an accountant.

...Kathryn and Rimes McElveen who joined our church with their children Anna, David, Luke and Sam McElveen during worship on December 14. Kathryn is employed with the Center for Courage & Renewal and Rimes is employed with the Mere Christianity Forum at Furman University.

...Michael Riksen joined our congregation on December 14. Be sure to welcome all our new members soon!

AYMC Holiday Hours

Monday 12/22	8:00am – 8:00pm
Tuesday 12/23	8:00am – 8:00pm
Wednesday 12/24	CLOSED
Thursday 12/25	CLOSED
Friday 12/26	CLOSED
Saturday 12/27	8:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday 12/28	11:30am – 5:00pm
Monday 12/29	CLOSED
Tuesday 12/30	8:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday 12/31	8:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday 1/1/26	CLOSED
Friday 1/2/26	8:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 1/3/26	8:00am – 12:00pm


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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.