

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FOREST CITY, NC

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 - ELEVEN O'CLOCK



Bethlehem & Peace

The circular shape of the wreath represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. The evergreen, most frequently used in making wreaths, symbolizes growth and everlasting life.

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Music for Meditation	Nan Thompson
Welcome to Worship	Laura Link
Chiming of the Hour	Ben Scruggs

- THE CANDLE OF BETHLEHEM & PEACE -

Preparation	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Jeff Hall
The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle	Callie and Lee Smith	

Congregational Response

Leader: It is the season of longing and anticipation, as streets fill with shoppers, bright lights, and tempting offers,

People: **You lead us, Lord, along a different path**
To a desert river and a prophetic voice –
A call to repentance,
A call to service,
A call to immerse ourselves in living water that will never run dry,
A call to prepare a way in our own lives for the Savior of the world to enter in,
To know the touch of tender mercy and rest in Your forgiving love.

Hymn 155	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
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Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Justin Mofield
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Gloria Patri (805)	<i>A Hymn of Praise to the Trinity</i>	GREATOREX
<i>Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.</i>		

Children's Time		Kelly Hall
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Dedication of Christmas Cheer Stockings

Kelly Hall

Leader: Let us remember the One who made us, and gave all boys and girls the hearts and minds that love to have fun and to grow as we play.

People: **Bless these gifts, O Lord. Help us always remember to share with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn 162

The First Noel

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Anthem

A Spotless Rose

Sanctuary Choir

Melody: Old Catholic Spiritual Church Song, 1599 -Words: Anonymous

Arrangement: Tom Shelton - Choristers Guild 2017.A-729364

*A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,
of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;
In fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter,
cold winter, and in the dark midnight.*

*The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
is from the sweet root springing, in Mary, purest Maid;
for through God's great love and might,
The Blessed Babe she bare us, in a cold, cold winter's night.*

Sermon

Peace in the Midst of the Fray

Rev. Garin Hill

Romans 15:4-13

Hymn of Invitation 170

CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Offertory Prayer

Chloe & Lindsey Jones

Leader: Gracious and Giving God,
we once again prepare for the birth of Your chosen Son.

People: **Through the voices of prophets and preachers,**

Leader: you have been heard in the driest deserts and the steepest valleys.

People: **Open our hearts and minds so that we may hear Your salvation story anew.**

Leader: May our giving be a worshipful gesture of our unending Alleluias to You.

People: **We dedicate this offering to Your Kingdom work. Amen.**

Offertory

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Sanctuary Handbells

Arrangement: Cynthia Dobrinski

Benediction

Rev. Garin Hill



POINSETTIAS



In Honor Of:

Debbie Bound
Javan & Ann Calton
Rick & Cindy Davis
Garin Hill
Bill & Loretta Luckadoo
Dr. & Mrs. Dan Olds

By:

Karen & Ashley Quick
Tim, Paula, Mack & Huntley Davis
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Karen & Ashley Quick
Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Owens
John & Melinda Olds

In Memory Of:

Bill Blair
Robert Bondurant
Cora T. Cook
James F. Crowe
Margaret A. Crowe
Rose Davis
Tom & Martha Davis
Tom & Martha Davis
Sharon Easler
Bob & Mary Elliott
Robyn Elliott
Eric Foster
Evan Foster
Beth Godfrey
Boyce Grindstaff
Ron & Ginger Guy
Darrell Herndon
Betty Huntley
Betty Ruth Huntley
Bill Huntley
Ernest Huntley
Bob & Ellen Jones
Coy Lambert
Reinaldo Marrero
Eddie & Crystelle McBrayer
Glenn & Lois McDonald
Janet Moja
Elizabeth Moore
Fddie & James Moss
Shorty & Ethel Myers
Ron Paris
Flay Spencer Price
James E. Ray
Melinda McBrayer Roach
Bobby Robbins
Mr. Carl Settle
Tony Spencer
Tony Spina
B.W. & Virginia Thompson
Frank & Regina Turner

By:

His Family
Kathryn Marrero
Edith Cook Price
Brenda & Bernard Scott, Judy & Wayne Webb
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Andy & Robin Moss
Tim, Paula, Mack & Huntley Davis
Their Family
The Grindstaff Family
The Elliott Family
Her Family
Dad & Mom
Dad & Mom
Joe & Lib Godfrey
The Grindstaff Family
Libby Guy
Reita Herndon
Tim, Paula, Mack & Huntley Davis
Karen & Ashley Quick
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Andy & Robin Moss
Dianne Lambert
Kathryn Marrero
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Johnny & Leechie McDonald
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Linda, Julie & Maddox Robbins
John & Melinda Olds
His Family
Malinda, Amanda & Jeff
Jerre, Van & Nan
Merry Lou Burrell