

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FOREST CITY, NC

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - ELEVEN O'CLOCK



Prophecy & Hope

*Purple symbolizes penitence. It is also the color for Lent,
a time of preparation for Easter.*

*As the color of royalty,
purple also speaks to the birth of a new King.*

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Music for Meditation

Nan Thompson

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Garin Hill

Chiming of the Hour

Callahan Bullman

- THE CANDLE OF PROPHECY & HOPE -

Preparation *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Robin Moss

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Landon, Emily, and Ella Smith

Congregational Response

Leader: It is the season of longing and anticipation,
Draw us together, Lord, in unity,

People: **That our praise and worship might echo in these walls
And also through our lives.**

Leader: In this season of longing and anticipation,
Draw us together, Lord, in mission,

People: **That the hope within might be the song we sing
And the melody of our lives.**

Leader: In this season of longing and anticipation,
Draw us together, Lord, in service,

People: **That the path we follow might lead us
From a stable to a glimpse of eternity.**

Hymn 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Justin Mofield

Gloria Patri (805) *A Hymn of Praise
to the Trinity* GREATOREX

*Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

Children's Time

Kelly Hall

Hymn 126	<i>O Come, Let Us Adore Him</i> <i>O come, let us adore Him</i> <i>O come let us adore Him</i> <i>O come let us adore Him,</i> <i>Christ the Lord.</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
Silent Prayer & Meditation		Rev. Justin Mofield
Anthem	<i>Breath of Heaven</i> Solo: Charlotte Horn Words & Music by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton Arranged by Roger Emerson <i>I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside, And I wonder what I've done, Holy Father You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son. I am waiting in a silent prayer, I am frightened by the load I bear, In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now.</i> <i>Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness for You are holy. Breath of Heaven.</i> <i>Do You wonder, as You watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong.</i> <i>Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness for You are holy. Breath of Heaven.</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	Hope in the Midst of the Fray Romans 13:8-12	Rev. Garin Hill
Hymn 133	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL

Offertory Prayer

Nick Elliott

Leader: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope,

People: **And we give in hope.**

Hope for your coming reign;

Hope because of your presence with us even now.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them for your work of healing and hope in the world.

Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Phillip Greene

arr. Tim Doran

Benediction

Rev. Garin Hill

JOINING MEMBER WELCOME

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our comfort, our care, our kinship, and our love. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and live in community with you through God's grace.

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER

Ms. Debbie Bound, Minister of Senior Adults

Mr. Phillip Greene, Organist

Mrs. Kelly Hall, Children's Minister

Rev. Dr. Garin Hill, Pastor

Mrs. Rachel Knobil, Pianist

Mrs. Laura Link, Office Administrator

Mr. Johnny McDonald, Groundskeeper

Rev. Justin Mofield, Associate Pastor of Congregational Engagement & Youth

Rev. Dr. Diane Nelson, Associate Pastor of Music