

First Baptist Church

Forest City, NC



Sunday, December 28, 2025 -
Eleven o'clock

The entrance of the light symbolizes how Jesus' presence on Earth enters a darkened world.

DECEMBER 28, 2025

An Invitation to Worship Nan Thompson

Welcome to Worship Debbie Bound

Prelude *We Three Kings* Phillip Greene
Arranged by Alban Whitworth

Call to Worship *What Child Is This?* Lauren Beard & Loretta Luckadoo

Responsive Reading Debbie Bound

Leader: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

People: The Star in the dark sky heralded His coming.

Leader: Led by the light of the star, the Wise Ones came to pay
homage.

People: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

Leader: Come, arise! Shine! The Light has come!

People: God's Light of love is shining upon us. Amen.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR & THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Hymn of Praise 90 *Chris Is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Rev. Diane Nelson

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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

Children's Time Kelly Hall

Hymn 190 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Sermon Following Yonder Star Rev. Diane Nelson
 Matthew 2:1-11 Abigail Thompson

Hymn of Commitment 185 KINGS OF ORIENT
 We Three Kings of Orient Are

Offertory Prayer Laura Link

Leader: Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation.
 In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light
 that burns brightly in the midst of darkness.

**People: Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are
 overwhelmed with joy!**

Leader: Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace
 with our neighbors.

People: Let our lives in this new year be an offering.

All: We pray through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Offertory *Noel in G* Phillip Greene
 Luis-Claude Daquin

Benediction Rev. Diane Nelson

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.

SUNDAY REPORT: DECEMBER 21ST

Sunday School Enrollment.....	180
Sunday School Attendance.....	76
Morning Worship.....	132
Weekly Ministry Needs.....	\$10,332.35
Weekly Plan Offerings.....	\$20,039.39
Other Offerings.....	\$3,461.02
Total Offerings.....	\$23,500.41
Anticipated to Date.....	\$526,949.75
Received to Date.....	\$416,447.64
We Are Giving.....	79%

BIRTHDAYS

December 29

Tilden Houser
Linda Wilson

December 30

Taylor Mashburn

January 3

Claudia Conrad

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 29

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

Wednesday, December 31 - Church Office Closed

Deadline for 2025 Contributions – must be dated and postmarked by Dec. 31, or received in the office. Contributions may be left in the mailbox outside the church office.

Thursday, January 1 - Church Office Closed

Today's Volunteers

Sunday, December 21

Early Bird Team: Andrew Horn

Nursery: Ashley Day,
Rachel Hill

Upcoming Volunteers

Sunday, December 28

Early Bird Team: Morgan McKinney

Nursery: Brittany Etheridge,
Erin Houser

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