

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST CITY, NC

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 21, 2025 - ELEVEN O'CLOCK



## *Angels & Love*

*The symbols on the crismon tree  
represent the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.  
They are gold and white; the colors of majesty and purity.*

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Music for Meditation

Nan Thompson

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Justin Mofield

Prelude

*Joy to the World*  
Arranged by Valerie Stephenson

Sanctuary Handbells

Chiming of the Hour

– THE CANDLE OF ANGELS & LOVE –

Preparation

*Away in a Manger*  
Arranged by Stella Claire ter Hart © 2024  
Rachel Hill, Charlotte Horn, Laura Link, April Shauf

Ladies' Quartet

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Mike, Laura, Abigail & Lukas Thompson

Congregational Response

Leader: In this season of longing and anticipation,  
we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their  
faithfulness, courage, and obedience,

**People: stepping out into the unknown in the strength of the  
Spirit, playing their part in the fulfillment of God's plan.**

Leader: In this season of longing and anticipation,  
We pray that their example might be the pattern of our  
lives,

**People: that when God's gentle whisper breaks through the clamor  
of this world into our small corner, we might be ready to  
listen, and having listened, ready to act.**

Hymn 152

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Justin Mofield

Gloria Patri (805)

*A Hymn of Praise to the Trinity*  
**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.**

GREATOREX

Children's Time

Kelly Hall

Anthem

*The First Nowell*

Sanctuary Choir

Words & Tune: Traditional English Carol, THE FIRST NOWELL

Arranged by Matthew Culloton

*The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light that continued both day and night.  
And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;  
to seek a king was their intent, and to chase the star where'er it went.*

*Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently on bended knee,  
and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord!*

*Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

Sermon

Love in the Midst of the Fray  
Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Garin Hill

Offertory Hymn 171

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Offertory Prayer

Alexandra Day

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

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

Leader: A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.

**People: A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.**

Leader: Receive these generous offerings,

**People: And use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen**

Offertory

*Carol of the Bells*

Sanctuary Handbells

Arrangement: Arnold Sherman

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  
Feddie & 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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Sharon McBrayer  
Linda, Julie & Maddox Robbins  
John & Melinda Olds  
His Family  
Malinda, Amanda & Jeff  
Jerre, Van & Nan  
Merry Lou Burrell