

Fern Creek Baptist Church
December 21, 2025, 10:45 a.m.

To preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully request that cell phones, pagers, and alarm watches be turned off and not used during the service. Also, please refrain from leaving the worship service unless it is an emergency.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

Welcome Linda Barnes Popham

+ Exchange of Peace

Prelude Joanna Wright
“Alleluia, Alleluia!” with *“Hallelujah Chorus”*
 Ludwig van Beethoven and George Frederick Handel / arr. Dick Torrans

Lighting of the Candle of Love Harrison and Anetta French
All: O God of Love, teach us to love as You love. May we love You with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind; may we love our neighbors as ourselves. May the glorious light of Your love shine brightly in our lives. As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know Your love and the One Whom You have sent, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Response IL EST NÉ
“Light the Light, the Fire of Life”

Pastoral Prayer / Prayer of Confession Linda Barnes Popham

“The Light of Christmas”

Scripture Reading Larry Bush
Isaiah 60:1-3

Anthem Adult Choir
“Rejoice and Be Merry”
 Patti Drennan

Scripture Reading Ava Presley
Isaiah 40:3-5

Anthem Youth Choir
“You Are the Light”
 John Helgen

+ Hymn 94 REGENT SQUARE
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Scripture Reading Lesley Hass
Isaiah 9:2

Solo Dana Adams
“O Holy Night”
 Adolphe Adam

Scripture Reading Steve Skaggs
John 1:1-5

Anthem Adult Choir
“Light of the World” (Sing Hallelujah)
 arr. Luke Gambill

Scripture Reading Linda Barnes Popham
John 8:12

Solo Debbie Gorbandt
“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
 Robert MacGimsey

Scripture Reading Shirley Powers
Luke 2:8-14

+ Anthem Adult Choir with Congregation
“Sing, Choirs of Angels!”
 arr. Victor C. Johnson

Scripture Reading Shirley Powers
Luke 2:15

Anthem Adult Choir
“Sing Lullaby”
 Sabine Baring-Gould / arr. Heather Sorenson
 Marcie Wright, soloist

Scripture Reading Shirley Powers
Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

Anthem Young Musicians
"Behold That Star"
arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Scripture Reading Linda Barnes Popham
Philippians 2:5-11

Instrumental Meditation Karen Love and Joanna Wright
"A Christmas Hallelujah"
Leonard Cohen

Anthem Adult Choir
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Kathleen Thomerson / arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading Shirley Powers
Revelation 5:11-13; 21:22-25

Anthem Adult Choir
"Is He Worthy?" with "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive / arr. Cliff Duren
Steve Skaggs, soloist

Closing Words Linda Barnes Popham
"Jesus is the Light!"

+ Hymn of Response 86 ST. LOUIS
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

+ Offertory Prayer Danny Hass

Offertory Karen Love
"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
arr. Jay Rouse

+ Advent Doxology 253 VENI EMMANUEL
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ Benediction Linda Barnes Popham

+ Postlude Gene and Joanna Wright
"Joy to the World"
George Frederick Handel / arr. Jim Hammerly

+ Indicates where it is appropriate, if able, to stand.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the
Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11*

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor 239-0316 ext. 103
Rev. Steve Skaggs, Supply Minister of Music 239-0316 ext. 111
Will Ennis, Minister of Youth and Recreation 239-0316 ext. 114
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Lucas Seraphine, Ministry Intern 239-0316 ext. 125
Terri Bosemer, CDC Director 239-8952 ext. 108
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Jodie Towles, Bookkeeper 239-0316 ext. 102
Ashley Thonen, Director of Facilities 239-0316 ext. 104
Karen Love, Supply Pianist 239-0316
Joanna Wright, Interim Organist 239-0316

FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



DECEMBER 14, 2025

OUR STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Budget Needs	\$	10,990.00
Budget Received	\$	5,834.29
YTD Budget Needs	\$	164,850.00
YTD Budget Received	\$	146,744.89

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School – Snow Day
Morning Worship - 70

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$	225.00
YTD Received	\$	75,865.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$	1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$	98,129.62
Current Fund Balance	\$	12,150.24

BUILDING FUND

Weekly - 50.00
YTD - \$14,929.01

Sunrise Children's Services – \$4,000.00

Mission Trips – \$67.00

SON - \$150.00

Children of the Soil – \$150.00

Kendall Optical Ministry – \$125.00

Legacy Mission International – \$100.00

Texas Baptists Worldwide Offering – \$439.00

Individual Missionaries – \$258.00

CHRISTMAS
MISSION
OFFERING

MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP...

to God with an open heart and faithful obedience in response to His call

REACHING IN...

to our church fellowship to grow and serve together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

REACHING OUT...

to the whole world by sharing the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit

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