

First Baptist Church of Marion



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dr. David Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Acolytes: Caitlin, Nora, and Jack Proffitt

arr. Hayes

Call to Worship

Rev. Jennifer Jennings

One: There is a story you are telling, Lord, about the way that time itself bends toward you. How a baby being born shone a light that set wise men on their course and kings wringing their hands and calling for blood.

All: You are changing the world.

One: But first we must understand that our hope is a force set in motion at the dawn of time itself. It was you who began that long descent from the heights of heaven

All: as creator, as love, as a promise come down to us at Christmas.

One: You are an improbable blaze of glory that was once a tiny infant, to become one of us in all human sense and feeling, and become for us our sure and certain hope

All: that one day, all sadness and sorrow will flee away, and death will be no more.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jennings

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Hymn No. 89

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

The Greer Family

One: We want to be told, once again, that before light was separated from darkness and mud shaped into life, you've been waiting to say: "I am here."

All: Come, Jesus. We are ready to learn hope.

Song of Response	<i>We Wait in Hope</i>	Raney
	We wait in hope for the morning Light, for the love of Christ to illuminate the night. We wait with joy for the Savior's birth; we wait in hope for peace on earth, peace on earth.	

PROCLAIMING

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5 <i>(Pew Bible page 550)</i>	Steve Pierce
One:	This is the Word of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God.	

*Hymn No. 105	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	ES IST EIN ROS'
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New Testament Lesson	Matthew 24:36-44 <i>(Pew Bible page 806)</i>	Rev. Christi Hollifield
One:	This is the Word of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God.	

Children's Sermon		Rev. Jennings
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Joys and Concerns		Dr. Smith
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Morning Prayer		Dr. Smith
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Anthem	<i>Just Beyond the Manger</i> Sanctuary Choir	Martin
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Sermon	<i>The "When" Is with God</i>	Dr. Smith
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RESPONDING

*Hymn No. 87	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>	FESTAL SONG
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Greeting Time

Prayer of Dedication		Allie McNeely
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Offertory	<i>Pastorale</i>	Wesley
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*Doxology		Old 100th
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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING

*Benediction

Dr. Smith

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

arr. Young

The Advent liturgy comes from the series “Have a Beautiful, Terrible Advent!” by Kate Bowler in her book “Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day: Daily Meditations for the Ups, Downs, and In-Betweens.”

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are grateful that you are present today! You are invited to fill out an information card indicating your presence in worship and interest in First Baptist Church. **Guest Information Cards** are available from an usher. Once completed, feel free to hand your card to an usher, one of our pastors, or drop it in an offering plate. Also, for those with hearing loss, **hearing assistance devices** are available for use during the service. Our ushers will assist you with these or any other needs you have.

God’s Invitation to You!

The singing of *Arise, Your Light Has Come* is a time of invitation in our worship service when you may come forward to share publicly your faith decision. Or you may speak to one of our pastors, who will be available at various exits after worship. You may also contact a member of the church staff by telephone or email at any time.

Partner with God and First Baptist Church of Marion!

Join FBC in ministry by giving to our General Budget and Missions Offering. Offering plates are passed during worship for contributions. Also, electronic giving is available through the adjacent QR code.



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