

December 14th, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent



Annunciation of the Angel to Mary

Wood Carving by Lamidi O. Fakeye

God's People Gathered at
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In Community for Christ

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE SHERRY HENDRIX

GREETING DR. BRIAN SCOTT

HYMN OF PRAISE 89 *O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL* CONGREGATION

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN 111 *SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS* CONGREGATION

ADVENT READING & PRAYER THE BUTLER FAMILY

SONG *O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Vs. 3)* CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY HYMN 94 *ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY* CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY PRAYER FERNANDO DIAZ

THE OFFERTORY SHERRY HENDRIX

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

TITHES AND OFFERINGS MAY BE GIVEN IN PERSON, BY MAIL (P.O. BOX 526), OR ONLINE AT ERWINFIRST.ORG

SCRIPTURE READING *MATTHEW 2:1-12* DAVID PARKER

SERMON *NOBODY WILL TAKE MY JOY* DR. BRIAN SCOTT

HYMN OF INVITATION 121 *THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE* CONGREGATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH PRESTON HOLLEY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE SHERRY HENDRIX

DECEMBER USHERS

PAUL FARNOR, TERRY OLSON, KANE COVEY, DR. JANIE SNYDER

NURSERY WORKERS

DECEMBER 14TH: CLARISSA FLORES, RENAE CHRISTENSEN, EDITH CHRISTENSEN

FINANCIAL REPORT
WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025 CONSOLIDATED REPORT

WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDED: \$5,533.79

REVENUES RECEIVED:	GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,611.52
	CHILDREN'S FUND	\$ 30.00
	YOUTH FUND	\$ 30.00
	FOOD PANTRY	\$ 75.00
	FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF	\$ 500.00
	<u>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN</u>	<u>\$ 141.32</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,387.84

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE IS HAPPENING NOW! BOXES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE HALLWAY NEAR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO SAVE MONEY WHICH CAN THEN BE DONATED TO THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS.

DOWNTOWN ERWIN CANDLELIGHT NATIVITY PARADE

THE ERWIN CANDLELIGHT NATIVITY PARADE WILL RETURN TO THE STEPS OF FIRST BAPTIST ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 7PM. IF YOU WANT TO WEAR A COSTUME AND MARCH IN THE PARADE, PLEASE STOP BY THE CHOIR ROOM BETWEEN 6 & 6:30PM THAT EVENING AND SEE TWERPY STROMBERG. OUR CHURCH FAMILY WILL SERVE HOT CHOCOLATE FOLLOWING THE PARADE. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** WE NEED RUNNERS TO BRING HOT CHOCOLATE BACK & FORTH, SERVERS FOR THE CROWD, AND KITCHEN WORKERS. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SIGN-UP CENTRAL BULLETIN BOARD OR SEE MISSY FARNOR WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

MOMS WITH LITTLE GROUP

MOMS WITH LITTLES WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 10AM—11AM, IN THE CHURCH PARLOR. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS. ANYONE IS WELCOME.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TRIP TO BOONE

A SIGN UP SHEET IS ON SIGN-UP CENTRAL FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE PROCESSING CENTER ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH. PLEASE SEE RENAE CHRISTENSEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

A CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 5PM. THIS SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SCRIPTURE READINGS AND SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTIONS FROM OUR CHOIR & CHURCH MEMBERS.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULE DUE TO HOLIDAYS

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEARS EVE HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAMMING OR SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH OR 31ST. PLEASE ENJOY THIS TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY!

THE LORD'S SUPPER & BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

WE WILL OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING MORNING WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 28TH. BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY WILL ALSO BE OBSERVED ON THIS DAY. FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP, OUR DEACONS WILL BE AT THE EXIT DOORS TO COLLECT MONEY FOR OUR BENEVOLENCE FUND.

Ministry Leaders

Sherry Hendrix	Accompanying Artist
Preston Holley	Minister of Music
Dr. Guillermo Mendoza	Minister to Students
Leslie Peterschmidt	Church Administrator
Dr. Brian Scott	Senior Pastor

Technical Services

Edith Christensen
Samuel Christensen
Nancy Diaz
Reid Kegley
Natalia Mendoza



To Our Guests

We kindly ask you to complete a Guest Connection Card so we can learn more about you. This may be done by completing a paper card or by using the camera on your phone and following the QR code to the left.

Deacon On Call

Rob Stromberg 423/742-5795

Opportunities This Week at the First Baptist Church

Sunday	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	Chapel & Education Building
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Hour	Sanctuary
Monday	9:00 A.M.	Main Street Market Distribution	North Lot
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays Together–Morning	Brown Parlor
	6:00 P.M.	Tuesdays Together–Evening	Brown Parlor
	5:30 P.M.	Snack Supper for Children	Dining Hall
	6:00 P.M.	Chapel Bible Study	Chapel
Wednesday		*Pathlight for Kids	Education Building
		Youth Programs	Education Building
	7:05 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday	10:30 A.M.	Moms with Littles	Brown Parlor

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