

First Baptist Church

Sharing the Light, Love, and Hope of Jesus Christ

The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

December 16, 2018 | 11:00 a.m.

***Please sign the attendance pads so we can have a record of your visit.**

Chiming of the hour: Sandra W. Mauney

Prelude & Entering of The Light of Christ: Pastor Jim & Sandra W. Mauney
"The First Noel"
Arrangement: F. Lopez & J. Whitcomb

Acolytes: Sophia and Violet Lacy

*Opening Hymn: "How Great Our Joy" Page 202

Advent Candle (everyone please remain standing): The O'Neal Family
See Insert

Children's Message: Remembering Lottie Moon Farron Cowles

*Offertory Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Page 203
(Stanza 1)

Offertory Prayer: Pastor Jim

Offertory: "Prepare and Celebrate" Sanctuary Choir
Joseph M. Martin

*Doxology:

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:9-10 Michele Smith

Message: The Mission: *Seeking and Finding the Fulfillment of God's Promise* Pastor Jim

*Hymn of Invitation: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Page 188
(Stanza 1 & 2)

We carry The Light of Christ into The World

Recognition of Decisions: Pastor Jim

Special Offering for Peter Vlaming

*Closing Prayer: Pastor Jim

Postlude: Reprise: "The First Noel" Sandra W. Mauney

***All who are able, please stand.**

Please remain standing for the scripture reading

Church Family & Community Prayer Requests

Health Concerns

Lillian Blondek	Melvin Jacks
Mary Ellen Davis	Donna Bunch
Butch Dixon	Henry Harris
Bobby Wilson	Brandon Family
Jean Sadler	Marlene Edwards
Emily Darden	JoAnne Goebel
Muff Barbour	Grace Brizendine
Doris Campbell	Helen Kaczmariski
Betty Bartruff (Leslie Elliott's grandmother)	Bobby King (Margaret Geron's son)
Mariam Lawson (Linda Smith's Niece)	Margaret Geron
Bessalene Cheatham	Don Hogg (Rita Ames Cousin)
Billy Wills	Jim Peay
Krista Netherland	Carson Elliott
Isabel White (Hip Surgery Recovery)	Lewis Ames (Recovering heart Surgery)
Agnes Crosswell (Home)	
Ridgway & Betty Dunton (Rachel Wills Parents)	

Retirement/Convalescent Homes

Creola Madison—Parham Health Care
 Wendy Mayes Willis—Autumn Care, Suffolk
 Ernie Childs—DeWitt Rehab & Nursing Plaza
 Curtis White/ Mary Busick—Walter Reed Convalescent, Gloucester
 Louise Robinson—West Point Convalescent
 Jeannette Eubank—Essex House
 Tappahannock

Military Personnel

Pastor Jim, US Navy Chaplain, Corps Reserve
 Robert Downing
 Chase Hebert
 Audra Langley
 Keith Norman, Jr.
 Rebecca Goebel, US Army National Guard, Portsmouth, VA

Celebrate Recovery can help, here are three local running CR programs...

Christ Community Church, 9001 Richmond Rd, Toano 757- 775-8914 @ 6:45 PM (Child Care Available)	Mondays
Williamsburg Community Chapel, 3899 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg 757- 880-5143 @ 6:30 PM	Fridays
James City Community Church, 4550 Old News Rd, Williamsburg 804 -510-3739 @ 6:30 PM	Fridays

This week at a Glance...

Sunday, December 16th (3rd Sunday of Advent)

9:00 a.m.	Watchman Prayer
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School /Adult Bible Study Classes
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:15 a.m.	CIA/Mission Friends

Monday, December 17th

10:00 a.m.	Book Study
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Tuesday, December 18th

9:30 a.m.	Small Group Bible Study
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Wednesday, December 19th

	No Awana
6:30 p.m.	Mid-week Adult Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:45 p.m.	Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20th

	No communications committee meeting
7:30 p.m.	Budget and Finance Meeting

Friday, December 21st (First Day of Winter)

7:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
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Saturday, December 22nd

7:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata
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Sunday, December 23rd (4th Sunday of Advent)

9:00 a.m.	Watchman Prayer
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School /Adult Bible Study Classes
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:15 a.m.	Children's Happy Birthday Jesus Christmas Party

Our Record from Last Week

Category	Weekly
Worship Attendance	77
Bible Study/S.S. Attendance	64

Announcements & Upcoming Events

ALTAR FLOWERS in the sanctuary for today are given by Joyce McGowan, in loving memory of her parents, John and Stella Maloney.



Awana volunteers are desperately needed immediately. They will be losing several, and are in dire need of help.

“King of Love” our annual Christmas Cantata will be presented by our Sanctuary and Community Choirs on Saturday at 7:00 PM on December 22nd.



- Dec. 22nd- “King of Love” Christmas Cantata 7:00 PM
- Dec. 23rd- Happy Birthday Jesus Children’s Party 11:15 AM
- Dec. 24th-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM
- Dec. 31st- Wintergreen Snow Tubing Trip 11:00 AM



Laurel Shelter (a safe place for women and their children) is an ongoing project. A donation box is in the Educational Wing for personal hygiene items, paper products, and cleaning supplies.

FBC Food Pantry needs replenishing especially as the ladies plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Suggested donations: saltine crackers, cereal, instant oatmeal (individual serving size), canned meats – chicken, Spam, vegetables – peas, corn, pork and beans, baked beans, great northern beans, instant mashed potatoes (individual size, fruit, soup, etc.)



Party will be held **Sunday Dec. 23rd during the CIA/Mission Friends time.** We will have pizza for lunch and dessert. We will do crafts, have a devotional, songs, games and FUN! P.S.– Your gift to Jesus= YOURSELF!



The Youth 2 Sunday School class invites youth Grades 6 - 12 (and supervised kids grades 3 - 5) to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Thursday, December 20, 2018, Farm Fresh in Norge. There are two shifts – 2 to 4 pm and 4 to 6 pm. The youth will continue for praise and pancakes at IHOP around 6 pm. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Kim by December 16 – (804) 843-9178.



We would like to thank our church family for the gifts of food, money, toys, etc. given to our Pantry and White Christmas this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food through out the year for families less fortunate. Also, we were able to buy can food, turkeys, perishables, toys and other needed items. We provided food and turkeys for 15 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We would also, like to thank those who bought gifts for names on the Angel Tree and gave money to buy gifts for children whose names came in later. With your help we were able to bless 20 children with gifts. Your generosity was overwhelming. May God bless each one of you!

Sincerely, The Pantry Staff



Monday night, **December 24, 2018 at 7: 00 p.m.** our candlelight service will include lessons and carols. The Sanctuary Choir, Community Singers, Solos, Duets, and Instrumentals will be part of this service welcoming the birth of our Savior.



Have plans for New Years Eve? Join the youth as we take a trip to Winter Green and go Snow Tubing, on Monday December 31st! The church bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. The cost of the tubing tickets will be \$29.00, you will also need money for Lunch and Dinner. This trip is open to all ages. **Please sign up by TODAY.** The

Tickets have to be purchased in advance. Call Leslie in church office if you have questions.