

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude *The Journey to Bethlehem* ~ C. Frank

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

***Call to Worship:** Based on Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:3,
Isaiah 40:3

We come to prepare the way;

The way for Christ –

the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –

to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

We come to be part of the light–

the light that shines in the darkness.

***Opening Hymn** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #191

Baby Dedication

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #7

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music *I've Got Peace Like a River* Traditional
Kidz Choir

Advent Candle / Kid's Korner

Kid's Konnection Children, ages 3 through grade 3
may leave for Kid's Konnection at this time.

Sermon

Title: *Get Prepared*

Scriptures: Mark 1:1-8, Joshua 1:10-18

Reverend William A. Guy

Altar Call

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS?
OR DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?**
Come and share your decision with the Pastor
during the Hymn of Invitation.

***Invitational Hymn** *Wonderful Peace* vs. 1 & 2 #590

***Benediction**

Postlude *Variations on an Ancient Noel* ~ L. Rogers

**Please stand as you are able*

Visit Our Welcome Table!

Our congregation offers a variety of opportunities for worship, fellowship, growth, and service. We have programs designed for children and adults. We want you to know that you are welcome here. Stop by our Welcome Table in the church entrance and a friendly greeter will be glad to help you.

About the Message

Today's message is not just someone delivering God's Word to an audience of people. In a worship service, each person is a participant and God is the audience. Although the Pastor has prepared a message for all of us, please don't just sit back and listen ... hear it and try and determine what God might have for you today and will give you in the days to come.

About The Offering

Those of us who have committed our lives to Christ give to support God's work here in this place. If you are visiting, don't feel pressured to give. Our members and regular attenders support our ministry out of gratitude to God. This is an act of worship and thanksgiving.

How May I Join First Baptist?

The First Baptist Church of Dover has a time of invitation during each worship service. This time is provided for anyone wishing to make a commitment to accept Jesus as Lord and to follow His teachings. Others may want to serve Christ as a part of this congregation. During the invitation hymn, come to the front of the Sanctuary and share your decision with the pastor. The following are the ways in which you may join First Baptist Church of Dover.

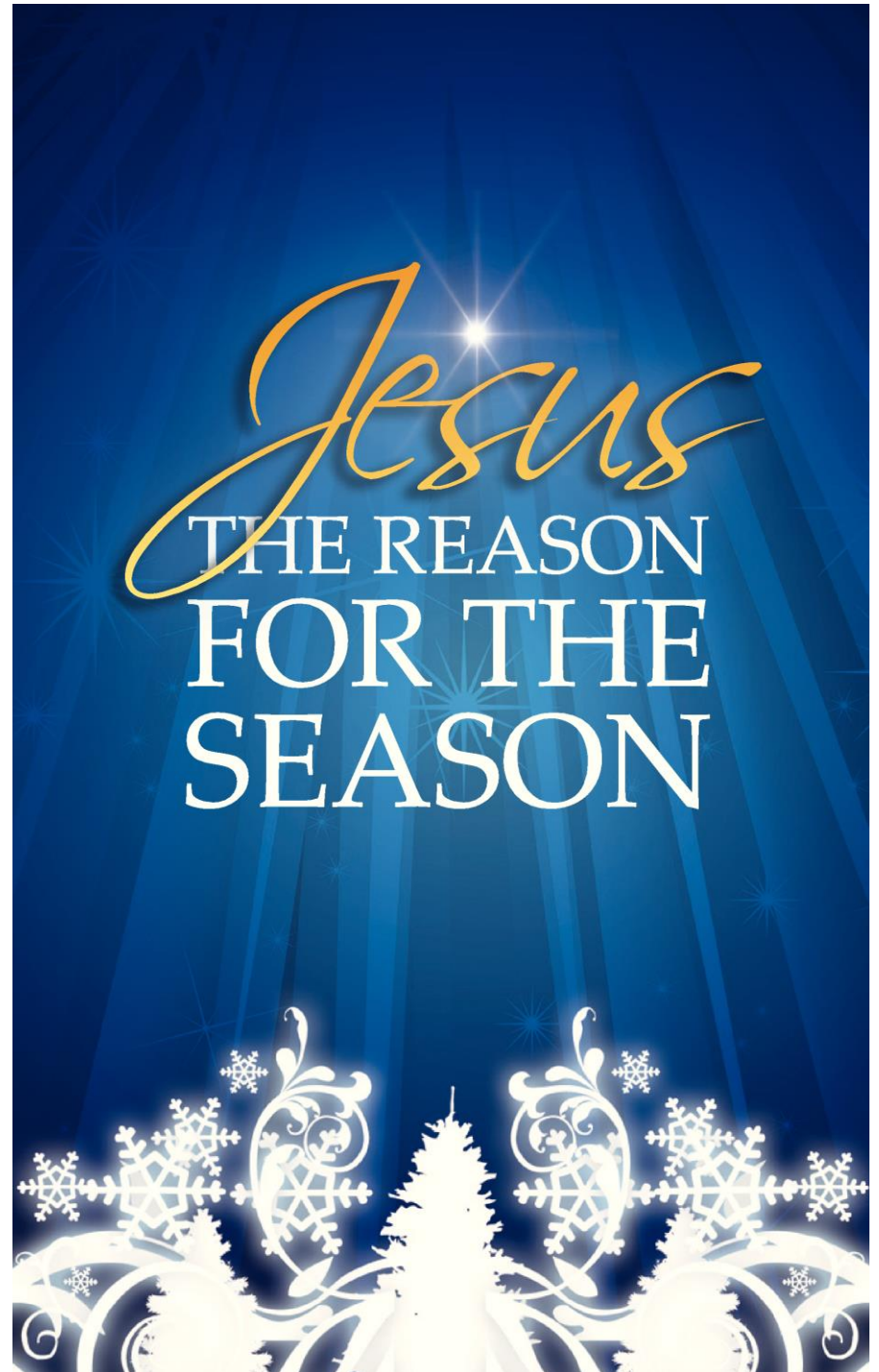
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: As a Baptist, whose church membership is elsewhere, you are most welcome to join our fellowship. We will send for your church letter.

STATEMENT: By statement from another denomination. This is a statement of faith in Christ and that you have been baptized by immersion.

We stream our Worship Service each Sunday. It can be found on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is – First Baptist Church of Dover DE

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE
301 Walker Road
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 674-1980



This Week

TODAY – 12/10:

Second Sunday of Advent



9:30am Discipleship Class-Salvation
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship
4:00pm Christmas Tea-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY – 12/12:

10:00am ABWM Board Mtg-Conf rm.

WEDNESDAY – 12/13:

2:30pm Christian Ed
4:00pm Men's Shelter Meal
7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
Conference Call
978-990-5083
Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 12/14:

Newsletter Articles Due
4:00pm Deacons
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

SATURDAY – 12/16:

9:00am Coordinating Comm. Library
3:00pm MCB Christmas Concert-Sanc.

SUNDAY – 12/17:

Third Sunday of Advent



9:30am Adult Discipleship Class-Baptism & Communion
9:30am Children's Baptism Class
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, December 3, 2023

Worship Attendance: 111
Offering: \$ 7,965
RMMO Offering: \$ 570



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Rennie Quible's 99th Birthday on December 14th with love, Phil & Margaret.

The Single Vase is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Carlos Joseph "CJ" Palacios, grandson on Kaymah and Ed Gilman

Men's Shelter Meal - December 13 is the next date for the dinner we provide for the Men's Homeless Shelter at 1155 Walker Road. With the colder weather, the number of residents in the shelter has grown from 30-40 men. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center for food which is to be delivered between 4 and 5 p.m. in disposable containers. A big thank you to those who provided food in November!

Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't receive a box and want one, please see Agnes Robinson.

Hey Young People, (Grades 4-12), we are starting a new Sunday School Class just for you. Class will begin on Jan 7, 2024, @ 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall on the lower level in the Synagogue. We look forward to seeing you, come and join us.



WELCOME to First Baptist Church of Dover. We are glad that you wanted to share in worship with us this morning. A very special welcome is given to guests and new residents of the community. If you are seeking a church home, please consider joining us. We are an American Baptist congregation (abcusa.org). If you want to know more about us, contact the church office at 302-674-1980 or check the website www.fbcdover.org.



LULLABY LOUNGE is offered to parents with restless children. It's located at the back of our sanctuary where you can continue to watch and listen to our worship service.



KIDS KONNECTION is a kid-friendly worship experience for children Preschool-Grade 3. Children may leave the sanctuary at the time designated in the service.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL is held each Wednesday evening at 7:15pm. Dial **978-990-5083** and enter the **access code – 676527 #** to participate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is offered for all adults and children each Sunday at 9:30am. All are welcome.



PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a request for the chain, please call or email the church office (674-1980) (secretary@fbcdover.org).



FELLOWSHIP TIME between Sunday School and morning Worship from 10:30am to 10:50am in the Narthex. Coffee, Tea and goodies will be available. Please **do not** take food/drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY

Organist:
Worship Leader
Sound Technician:

Projection:
Streaming:

Trustee of the Day:

Gene Moore
Phil Steinhoff
Chris Cottrell
Aaron King
Charity King
Mark Moore
Bethel Chang
Matthew King
Chris Cottrell
Sal Manno

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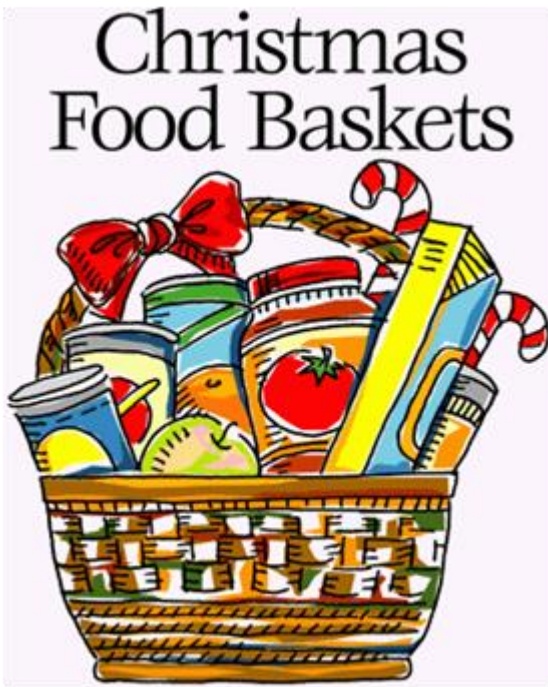


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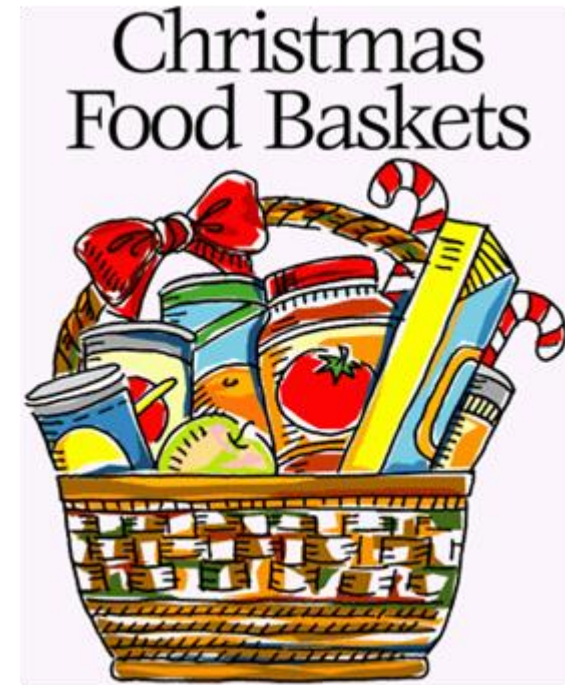


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Orders must be received by Sunday, December 10. No orders will be taken after this date.

You may contact Margaret Steinhoff with any questions at 302-228-9301.

No. of Plants: _____



My plant is in honor of:

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