

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ~ E. Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

***Call to Worship:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel—
God with us.

Come into our brokenness;
Come into our joy.

come into our captivity;
Come into our freedom.

Come into our fear;
Come into our compassion.

Our souls have had their fill.
**Have mercy upon us, O God,
And come, O come, Emmanuel.**

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #163

Special Music *Victory in Jesus* E.M. Bartlett
FBC Praise Team

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music *Joy to the World/Ode to Joy*
Sanctuary 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: *Who Are You?*
Scriptures: John 1:1-8, 19-28
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.**

***Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory Vs. 1&2* #192

***Benediction**

Postlude *Behold, He Cometh!* ~ M. Dexter

**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.

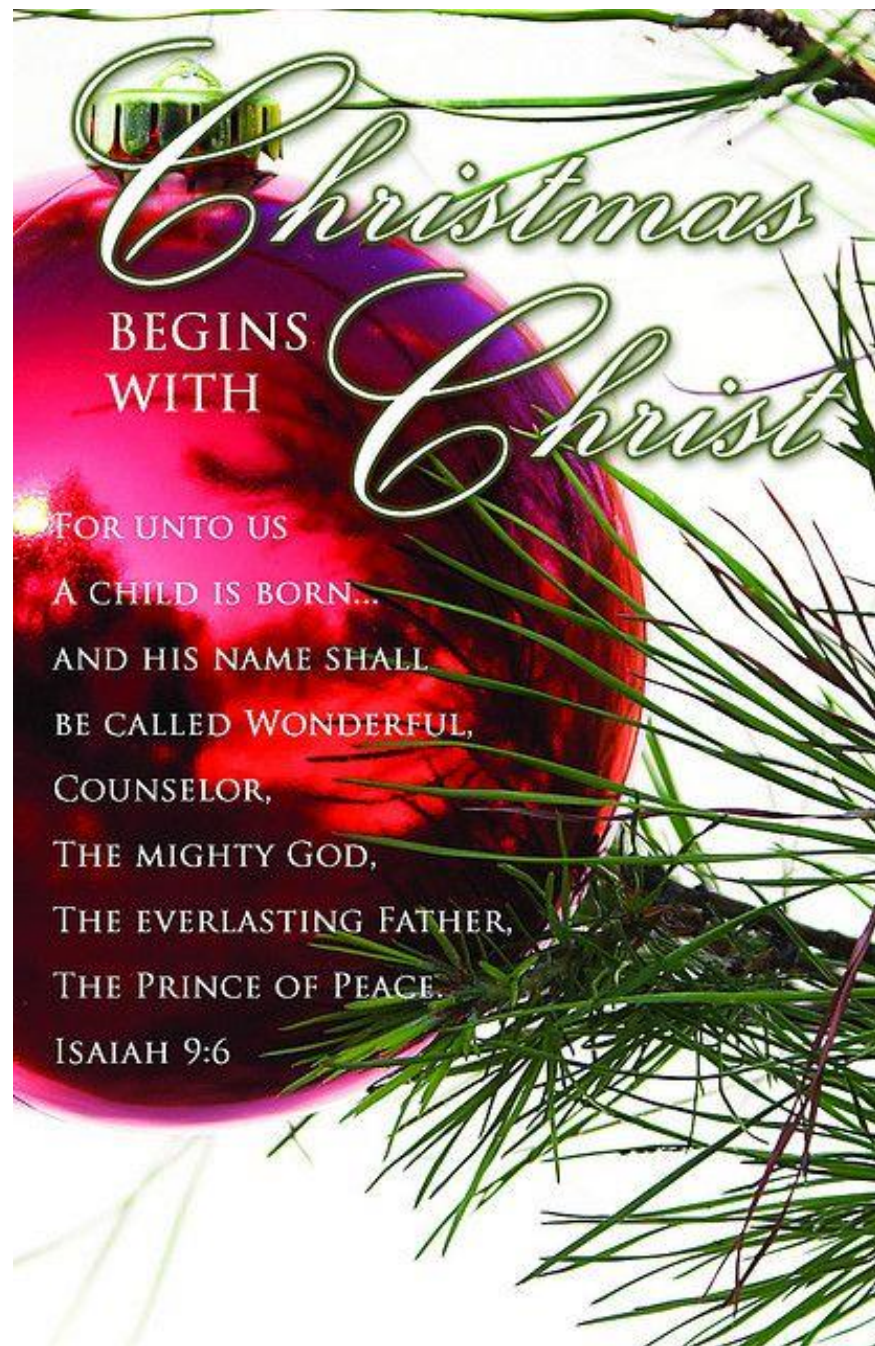
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

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
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Dover, DE 19904
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This Week

TODAY – 12/17:

Third Sunday of Advent



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

MONDAY – 12/18:

1:00pm Prayer Shawl at Mike & Mel's

WEDNESDAY – 12/20:

7:15pm Devotion & Prayer
 Conference Call
 978-990-5083
 Access code 676527#

THURSDAY – 12/21:

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

SUNDAY – 12/24:

Fourth Sunday of Advent



9:30am Adult Discipleship Class- Evangelism & Discipleship
 9:30am Children's Baptism Class
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
 10:30am Fellowship Time
 11:00am Worship
 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our fathers' birthdays, O. Philip Steinhoff, Jr. on December 16th and Edwin F. Englehart on December 17th by Phil and Margaret.

THE SINGLE VASE is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Diane Anthony for her birthday on December 20th by the Moores and Steinhoffs.

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.

Please give generously to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) which provides a "thank you" check to retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries or their widowed spouses who served our American Baptist family for 15 years or more. Checks should be payable to FBC and marked RMMO. Thank you!



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](tel: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: *Gene Moore*
 Worship Leader: *Phil Steinhoff*
 Sound Technician: *Chris Cottrell*
 Aaron King
 Charity King
 Projection: *Mark Moore*
 Streaming: *Bethel Chang*
 Matthew King
 Trustee of the Day: *Harry Anthony*

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

Worship Attendance: 114
 Offering: \$ 8,233
 RMMO Offering: \$ 575



Multi-Generational Women's Class

The Book of James' strong emphasis on ethical living is a refreshing and concise instruction on how Christians can live an overcoming life in community with other Christians. Please join our Multi-Generational Women's class in the Church Library on the main floor beginning January 7th as we explore God's Word for living a victorious Christian Life. We welcome you as well as need you. Exploring the Word together increases our insight of God's Word exponentially! We look forward to discovering the wisdom in the Book of James with you.

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