

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* ~ J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Prayer

***Call to Worship:** Based on Romans 13: 8-14 and
Matthew 18: 15-20

People of God, open your eyes!
Look around!

The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—
among us and within us.

God's salvation is close at hand—
nearer than you know.

So, open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,
and let's worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #65

***Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music "How Quietly" Joel Raney
 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: *Let it be to me according to Your Word*

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38

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.**

***Closing Hymn** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" #193 vs.1&5

***Benediction**

Postlude *Song of Joy* ~ L. Stairs

**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.

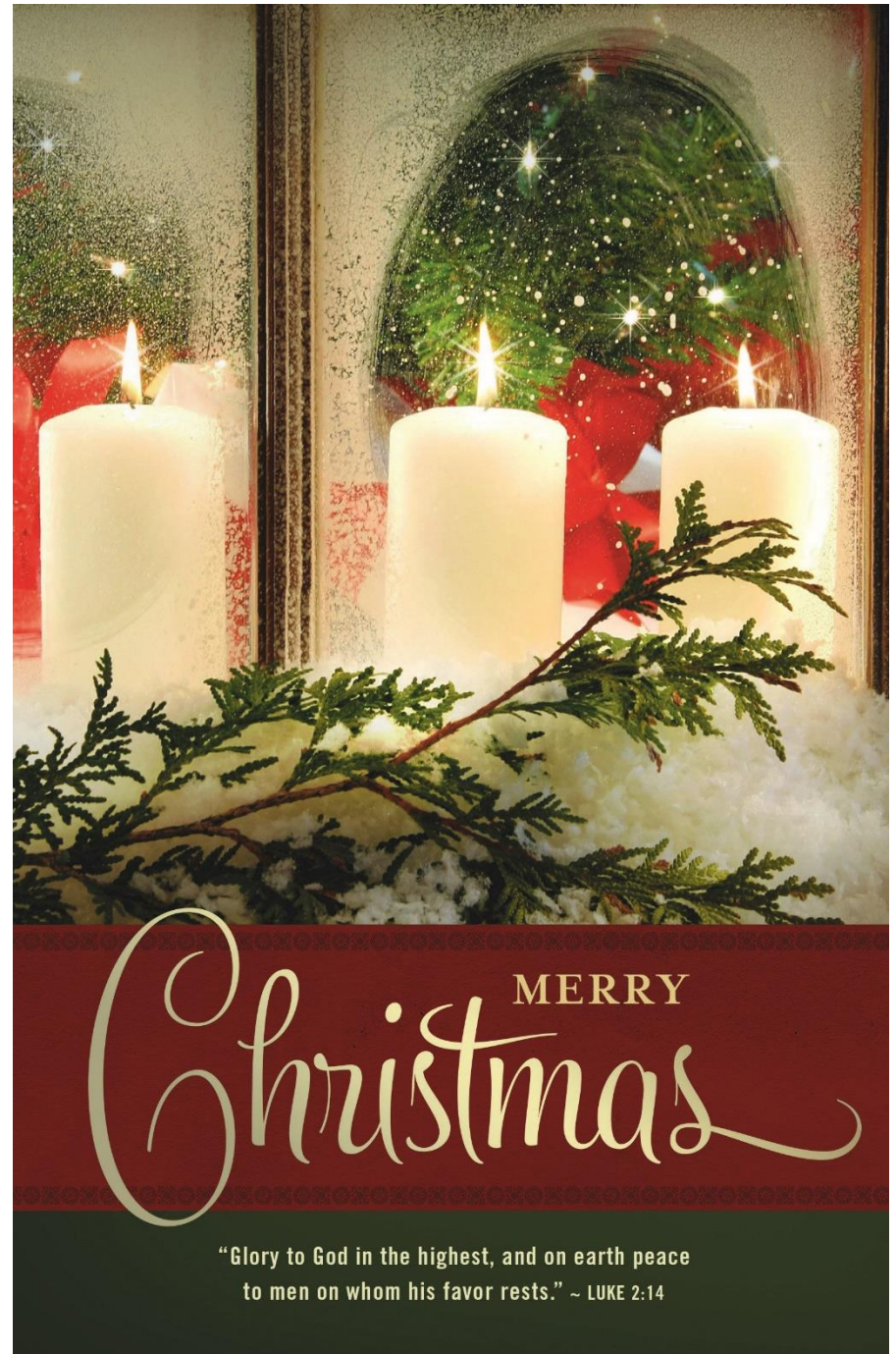
PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]: If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

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



This Week

TODAY – 12/24:

Fourth Sunday of Advent



9:30am Discipleship Class –
Evangelism & Discipleship
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY – 12/25:

Christmas Day-Church Office Closed

TUESDAY – 12/26:

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY – 12/27:

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

FRIDAY – 12/29:

Church Office Closed at Noon

SUNDAY – 12/31:

9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class
10:30am Fellowship Time
11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023

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| Worship Attendance: | 100 |
| Offering: | \$ 6,924 |
| RMMO Offering | \$ 325 |



FLOWERS TODAY are given to the
Glory of God.

**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!

*She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name*

*Jesus
for he will
save his people
from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21



**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.



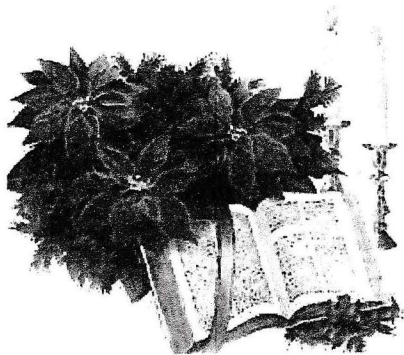
PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a
request for the chain, please call or
email the church office (674-1980)
(secretary@fbcdover.org).

fellowship

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

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| Organist: | Gene Moore |
| Worship Leader | Phil Steinhoff |
| Sound Technician: | Chris Cottrell |
| | Aaron King |
| Projection: | Charity King |
| Streaming: | Mark Moore |
| | Bethel Chang |
| | Matthew King |
| Trustee of the Day: | Harry Anthony |
| | Sal Manno |



*The Poinsettias are
given to the
Glory of God by:*



Harry and Diane Anthony

In loving memory of Harry Anthony, Jr.; Ruth and Richard Anthony; Eleanor and Dominic Frattaruolo

Larry and Joyce Buckley

In loving memory of our loving parents, Mrs. Lena Buckley; John and Olive Beckman

Clement and Bethel Chang

In loving memory of Gloria Chang; Gloria Chang; Nicky Shao; and Mary Shao

Judy Daniels

In loving memory of loved ones

Geoff and Abigail Eaton

In loving memory of our parents, Henry and Mary Stephens; George and Juanita Eaton

Bobby and Denise Engelsen

In loving memory of Eleanor and Harold Engelsen- parents of Bobby; and Rev. Joe Nathan Mack – father of Denise

Beryl Gerhart

In loving memory of my husband, Edward Gerhard

Lois Glading

In loving memory of George Glading; Harry and Edna Arnott; Sam and Jean Glading

Donna Hutchins

In loving memory of my husband, Voshell Hutchins; parents, Jerry and Hazel Higgins

Gilbert and Gladys Hutchins

In loving memory of Carlton and Leona Hutchins

June Katz

In loving memory of those who have lost their lives in wars around the globe.

John T. Kelley, Jr.

*In honor of Jax & Isabella Farrow-my precious grandchildren-
Lights of my life
In memory of Leona Kelley Hutchins – Beloved mother, friend,
& spiritual mentor*

Teresa Lentz

*In honor of Cameron Lentz' great grandparent, Harvey Sigmon;
Teresa's mother, Jean Adkins
In loving memory of Teresa's aunt and uncle, Jim and Betty Willett; her father, Capt. Walter Adkins, USAF; grandparents H.F. and Julia Harlowe; Cesco and Ollie Adkins; nephew, Alex Atkins*

Romeo and Milda Limson

In memory of our loved ones

The Maley Family

*In honor of Christine Septer
In loving memory of W. Don Septer*

Sal and Veronica Manno

In loving memory of Luther Ausbon; Ann Manno

Gene and Sue Moore

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Moore, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Sherman; Daniel Allen Sherman

Suzanne Murr

In loving memory of my husband, George Murr, the happiest 60 years of my life.

Gene and Thelma Schaller

In honor of Yvonne McFarland

Vicky Smith

*In honor of my wonderful parents, Dick and Gloria Smith
In loving memory of Gram Hawse and Gram Smith; and Floyd "Larry" Jester*

Phil and Margaret Steinhoff

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Englehart; Mr. and Mrs. O. Philip Steinhoff Jr.; Madaline Buchanan; Jean Petsch; Barbara Hart; Roseann Hutchings; Debbie Beaver; Barbara Hart and Buck Krupka

Jeffrey M. Twilley

In loving memory of Edgar "Buch" and Madeline Buchanan; Alice T. Garton; Joshua and Rosemary Twilley; Joseph and Rebecca T. Gates

