

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOVER

Rev. William A. Guy

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

**Prelude** *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* ~ D. Cherwien

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Time of Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship:** Based on Psalm 146 and Luke 1:46-56

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.  
**And our spirits rejoice in you.**

We will praise you as long as we live.  
**We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

We will not trust in the power of this world,  
**But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**

the One who gives food to the hungry,  
**the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God  
**As we worship you in this place!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come Emanuel* vs. 1,2,4 #163

**\*Presentation of Tithes and offerings**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Special Music** *Great Are You Lord* FBC Praise Team

**Advent Candle / Kid's Korner**

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

**Communion**

**Sermon** Title: *Stay Awake*  
**Scriptures:** *Mark 13:3-10, 21-23, 31-37 Joshua 1:6-9*  
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** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* vs. 1&2 #175

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Prepare the Way* ~ J. Mansfield

**\*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.

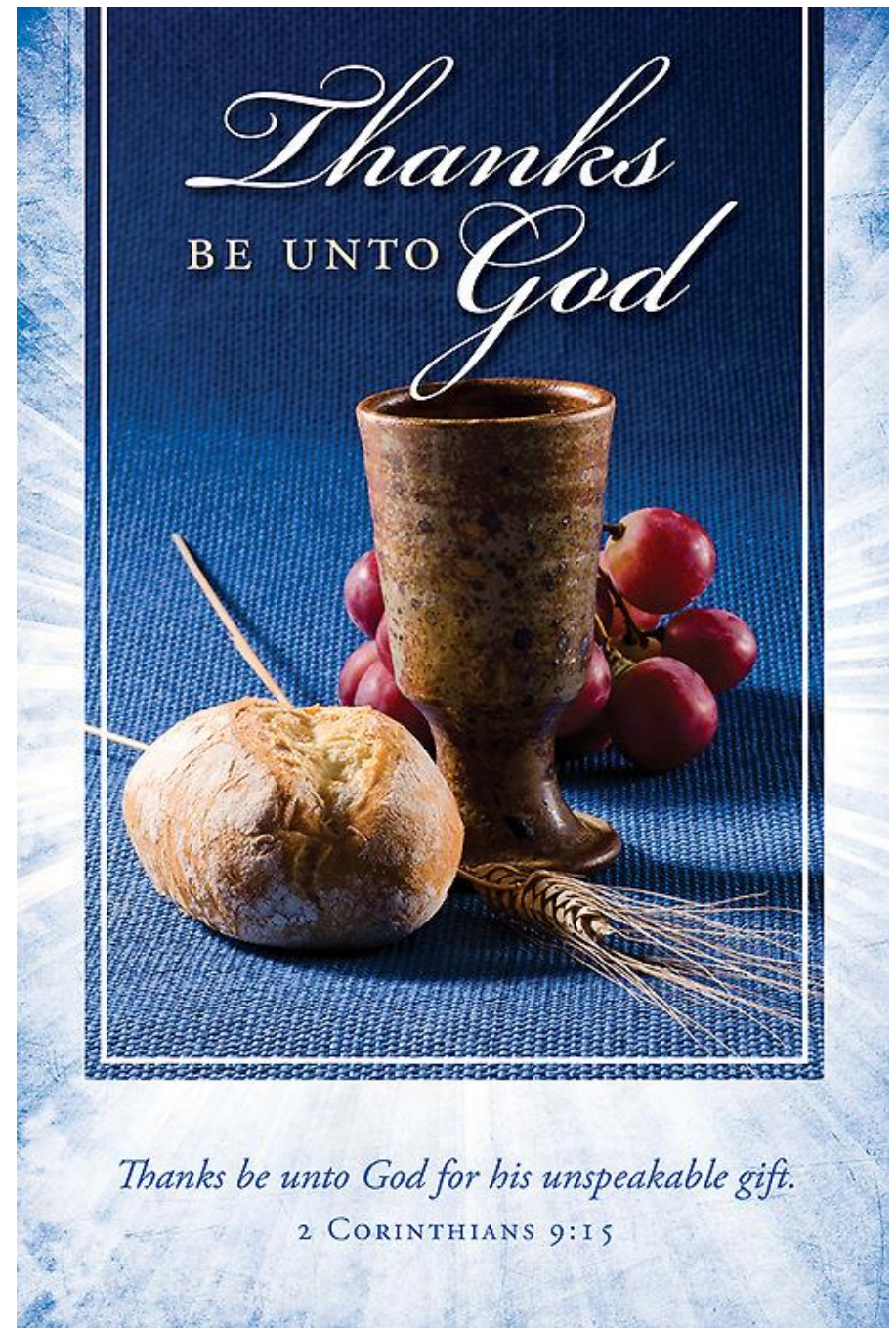
**PROFESSION OF FAITH [BAPTISM]:** If you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and follow Him in baptism, you are outwardly expressing your faith in Him. We would be happy to schedule a time for your baptism.

**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

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# This Week

## TODAY – 12/3:

### First Sunday of Advent



9:30am New Member Orientation  
9:30am Children's Baptism Class  
9:30am Ladies Sunday School Class  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship Time  
11:00am Worship

## TUESDAY – 12/5:

12:00pm Bonar Circle-Joyce Buckley's home

## WEDNESDAY – 12/6:

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

## THURSDAY – 12/7:

1:00pm Clemmer Circle at Franko's  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

## SATURDAY – 12/9:

10:00am Missions – Conference Room

## SUNDAY – 12/10:

### Second Sunday of Advent



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

## SUNDAY, November 26, 2023

Worship Attendance:	100
Offering:	\$ 3,507
RMMO Offering	\$ 100



**FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration on the 80th birthday today of my wonderful husband, Hal Schrader, with love, Janet Englehart Schrader.

**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!

**Each Year a Christmas Card** is designed by a member of our church and is sent out to everyone. If you would like your name to appear on the card, it is suggested that you take the money you would use to send cards to those in the church and donate it to this project. A check can be made out to First Baptist Church, indicating in the memo "Christmas Card Project" and your envelope # and place it in the offering box. Please be sure to indicate how you would like your name to appear on the card when making your donation. **The deadline for participating in this project is today, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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
	Mathew King
Trustee of the Day:	Mark Moore



## Please Join Us



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# First Baptist Church

DOVER  
DELAWARE



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1893 - 1990

The three pencil sketches of the First Baptist Church throughout the years are the artwork of Mr. Harold (Hal) D. Schrader, who is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

He is the husband of Janet Englehart Schrader, a long-time member of this church.

Hal was asked to do the drawings by previous pastor, Rev. Bruce W. Peterson, to be utilized for the FBC bulletin covers as the church moved from Division and Bradford Streets to Walker Road. They served as our bulletin cover for many, many years.



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Persons wishing to place poinsettias in the church as part of our Christmas display will need to complete this form and place it in the designated box at the Welcome Center. The cost is **\$12.50 for each plant ordered**. Checks may be made out to First Baptist Church, noting on the check "*for poinsettia*", and placed in the offering plate. Please make payment no later than December 10, 2023.

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

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