

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship – December 23rd, 2018

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| Prelude                                |  | Phil Lawson – guitar<br>Steve Luceno - Bass |
| Welcome and Announcements              |  |   |
| Pastoral Search Update                 |  | George Gauntlett                            |
| Advent Song, Reading & Candle Lighting |  | Emmanuel (insert)                           |
| Hymn of Praise                         | “Go Tell it on the Mountain”   | No. 216                                     |
| Offering & Offertory                   | “The King Shall Come”  |   |
| Doxology                               |  |   |
|  | <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;<br/>Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i> |   |
| Prayers of the People                  |  | Rev. Paul Aita                              |
|  | <i>There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.<br/>There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.</i>       |   |
| Song of Praise                         | “Emmanuel”   | No. 185                                     |
| Anthem                                 | “Nights of Silence”  | Choir                                       |
| Scripture                              | Micah 5:2-5a   |   |
| Sermon                                 | “Back to Bethlehem”  | Rev. Paul Aita                              |
| Closing Hymn                           | “O Little Town of Bethlehem”   | No. 200                                     |
| Benediction                            | <i>Act Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently</i>   |   |
| Postlude                               |  | Phil Lawson – guitar<br>Steve Luceno - Bass |

# First Baptist Church News & Events

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## **Today:**

8:30 am      Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.    Worship  
4:00 p.m.    Table Grace - Feeding Ministry

## **This Week:**

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>                      After Service: Deacons meeting  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>    7:00 pm    Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>                      **Christmas Blessings to All!**  
Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>    6:00 pm    Emmaus House

**The Choir will not meet on December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Advent Wreath is given in memory of Rev. Dr. Evelyn J. Breese**, Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist from 1965 to 1986. Evelyn passed away earlier this year. It was Evelyn who first brought the tradition of the Advent Wreath to First Baptist. The candles were given by Madge Ellis; Rex and Julie Comstock created the arrangement.

## **Save the Date:**

There will be a Thank You Reception for **Pastor Paul & Gail Aita** on **December 30<sup>th</sup>** after the morning service. There will also be a welcoming reception for the new Interim **Pastor Dave Roberts** on the **6<sup>th</sup> of January** after the worship service.

The Memorial service for George Rowswell will be on **January 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship Service, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to a night filled with Song, Scripture, Activity & Light that will include Communion. This traditional but interactive worship will include familiar and new experiences centered on the gift, the Incarnate One, Jesus Christ.

We hope you will invite family and neighbors to join us.

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**GIVING**

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| Income   | \$21,744 | \$287,227 |
| Expenses | \$25,069 | \$261,243 |

- Childcare:** Will be provided in the nursery by Patti Lehman.  
**Children’s Church:** Will be led today by Amber Rutledge.  
**Children’s Activities and Bulletins:** Are located in the back of the sanctuary with a clipboard and coloring materials.  
**Hearing Devices:** Are available from the ushers – please ask for assistance.  
**We Are Scent Free:** Some people are allergic or sensitive to different scents so please be considerate of our congregation members and plan accordingly.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Paul D. Aita, Interim Pastor | Rev. Mark Rambo, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Caroline Lehman, Visitation Pastor | Jordan Nylander, Organist  
 Darrell Born, Choir Director | Lela DePaolo, Secretary | Gary Rogers, Caretaker

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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