

# First Sunday of Advent Worship – December 1st, 2019

## Gathering

Prelude Nick Carlson  
 Welcome & Invitation to Participate  
 \*Shared Greetings

Lighting of the Advent Candles — Light of Light

*Light of Light — Choir*                      *Choral Response — Congregation*                      (Insert)

Reader: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

**People: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

Reader: Advent is a time of self-examination.

**People: God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

Reader: Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

**People: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

Reader: Advent is a time of service and searching.

**People: God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Reader: Today we light the first candle — the candle of Hope — reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent Hope to the earth.

*Light of Light — Choir*                      *Choral Response — Congregation*

## Offering Ourselves

Advent Hymn                      *Come, O Long Expectant Jesus*                      No. 187

The Written Word                      Isaiah 2:1—5

Anthem                      *How Great Our Joy*                      Choir

The Prayers of the People

Song of Preparation                      *Cup of Salvation*                      Choir

Communion                      Bread                      Cup

Song                      *I Love You, Lord*                      No. 228

## Home

The Written Word                      Matthew 1:1—17

The Spoken Word                      Home, Church & DNA                      Pastor Mark Rambo

## Responding to the Word

Gifts of the People

Offertory                      Nick Carlson

\*Doxology    Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye Heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

\*Home Song                      *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*                      Hands

\*Benediction    Walk Humbly                      Love Completely                      Live Differently

\*Postlude                      Nick Carlson

\* = please stand if you can do so comfortably

# First Baptist Church News & Events

## Today:

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

## This Week:

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>      6:30 pm    Executive Council Meeting in Room 102  
 Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>      7:00 pm    Choir  
 Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>      11:00 am    Memorial Service for Dennis Baker  
                     6:00 pm    Emmaus

**A Memorial Service for Dennis Baker** will be held at First Baptist Church on Saturday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. – a reception will follow.

**The Congregation is invited to the Executive Council meeting** on Wednesday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. Rev. Doug Avilesbernal, Executive Minister of Evergreen Baptist Association, will be meeting with us. All are invited.

**The Trustees Meeting** has been changed to **December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sock & Cookie Donations** starts **December 1<sup>st</sup>** : *From Art Brown for the Jail Ministry:* “Last year we ministered to almost 1,500 inmates in Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Cowlitz county jails. We would like to do the same this year. To accomplish this we will need to collect 800 dozen cookies and 1,500 pairs of socks! Please have the cookies in non-returnable containers. They should be cookies, not brownies or bars. It is better if they aren’t too sticky or crumbly (so they don’t fall apart or stick to the other cookies when they are packaged). **Please mark all containers of socks and cookies with *For Thurston County Jail Ministry.***” You can drop off the donations in the bins under the long table in the foyer. Thank you for your kind donations! The deadline will be the **19<sup>th</sup> of December**.

**Christmas Eve Worship Service**, Tuesday, **December 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm**. 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.

**DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF:**    • **The Bible Study** begins again on the **9<sup>th</sup> of January**.  
 • **Christmas Caroling** - Come and make a **JOYFUL NOISE!** Meet at the church at **5:45**

