



Christmas Worship

Geography of Advent

Our Advent journey has led us through mountains and deserts, to places of beauty and to places of conflict. Along the way, we have discovered the Advent gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. This journey culminates with the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, the Christ child born in Bethlehem.

As Isaiah proclaimed, **the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.** (Isaiah 9:2)

Saturday, Dec 24 at 5 pm

On Christmas Eve, we will gather for worship, light the Christ candle, hear the story of the birth of Jesus, sing carols, share communion, and light candles.

Sunday, Dec 25 at 10:45 am

On Christmas Day, we will gather once again, at our usual Sunday worship time of 10:45 am. Children are welcome to wear pajamas to worship, as Christmas morning is likely to be a busy and exciting time for little ones! (We will not have Sunday School or other activities on Christmas Day.)

All are welcome, because Jesus was born to bring good news of great joy for all people.
Glory to God, and Peace on Earth!

Christmas at First Baptist Church of Pendleton



Saturday, Dec 24
5 pm

Christmas Eve Worship
with Communion and
Candlelight



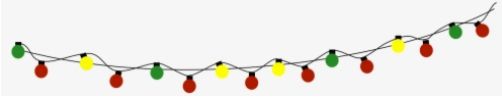
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Ministry Updates

Music Ministry

This Sunday, Dec 18, the **4th Sunday of Advent**, we will light the **candle of love**. The **Sanctuary Choir** and the **Children and Youth Handbell Choir** will lead in worship through music.

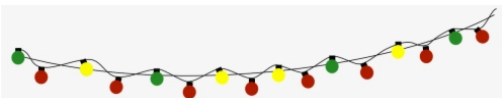
Children and Youth Handbell Choir will practice **Wednesday, Dec 14 at 6:30 pm** in the choir room and **Sunday, Dec 18 at 9:45 am** in the sanctuary.



Children's Ministry

At the called church conference on Nov 30, the proposed job description for a **Children's Ministry Coordinator** was approved. The Personnel Committee has hired **Kiley Daniel** to serve in this role, which is a 10 hour per week position focusing on coordinating between volunteers, staff, and children and families. Kiley has already been an active volunteer in our children's ministry, so she is quickly jumping into this new role.

FBCP children have been preparing to play with the Children and Youth Handbell Choir in worship on Sunday, Dec 18. After they play, children will be dismissed to the fellowship hall for a special **Children's Christmas Celebration**. Children in the congregation who are not playing handbells and those in the nursery will also be invited to join the celebration.



"Young" Adult Game Night

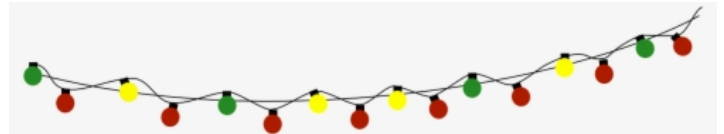
Our final **"Young" Adult Game Night** of 2022 will be **Sunday, Dec 18 from 3 - 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall (join us for part or all of that time!). Please let **Kiley Daniel** (children@fbcpendleton.org or mobile (317) 627-0257) know if you plan to bring children so we can plan for childcare and activities. Bring snacks/drinks to share, board games to play, and \$5/person if you would like to order pizza. Feel free to wear festive Christmas attire!

Senior Fellowship Ministry Update

Congratulations to **Cara Morgan**, our Senior Fellowship Coordinator, who will begin a full-time position at First Baptist Church of Anderson in January 2023 as the **Minister to Children and Senior Adults**.

Unfortunately, this means Cara will no longer be able to serve as our part-time Senior Fellowship Coordinator. We are deeply grateful for Cara's dedicated service to Senior Fellowship during the past year.

Church leaders and volunteers are currently working on plans for the future of this meaningful community ministry. After the Senior Fellowship Christmas celebration on Thursday, Dec 15, the Senior Fellowship ministry will take a break from gathering weekly until **Thursday, January 19**. If you are interested in volunteering with Senior Fellowship in the new year, please contact Jennifer Rygg at jennifer@fbcpendleton.org or the church office at (864) 646-3913.



Keenagers

Keenagers enjoyed a Christmas carol sing-along on Dec 12 and then a delicious lunch of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. They also sang "Happy Birthday" to **Ruth Burns**, who will turn 99 on Dec 27!



Ruth Burns (center) turns 99 on Dec 27. Happy Birthday!

Welcome, New Member, Thomas Rygg



Thomas Rygg, oldest son of Jennifer and Travis Rygg, joined the church by profession of faith on December 11. His address is 207 Nottingham Way, Anderson, SC 29621.

Welcome, Thomas!

Thank You

The family of Richard Quattlebaum would like to thank the church for their many visits, prayers, cards, and food they received during Richard's long illness. Your sympathy and continued prayers are appreciated.

-- Shelby Quattlebaum

Worship on New Year's Day

Worship on Sunday, Jan 1 will be at 10:45 am as usual. However, we will not have coffee time or hold Sunday School that morning.



Children and Youth Handbell Choir Practice



The children and youth have been practicing diligently to lead in worship with handbells this Sunday, Dec 18 at 10:45.

Collins Children's Home Meat Offering

Thank you for your generosity to our Collins Children's Home Meat Offering! The total for the meat offering is **\$3,075**. That is \$700 more than last year!!

Holiday Schedule at FBC Pendleton

The **church office** will be closed on Dec 26-27-28 in observance of Christmas. The office will be open limited hours on Dec 29 and 30. The church office will be closed Monday, Jan 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

End of Year Accounting Notes

- The last day for check requests for 2022 will be Tuesday, Dec 20.
- Please plan ahead for contributions made via e-giving and the United States Postal Service.
- In-person contributions can be made up until noon on Dec 30, however, the church office will be closed Dec 26-27-28.
- If you use a church credit card, purchases can be made up until Dec 31 to post to the 2022 budget. Please turn in all receipts within 7 days of your purchase.



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Worship
Christmas Eve · 5:00 pm
Christmas Day · 10:45 am



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Flock 03: Ch - Dob	Randy Strickland	(864) 360-6071
Flock 04: Dov - Ha	Anna Leavitt	(864) 430-1814
Flock 05: He - Ke	Rick Massey	(864) 940-3515
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Flock 07: Mo - Ro	Jim Davis	(864) 207-0656
Flock 08: Ry - Ta	Pam Willoughby	(864) 940-5470
Flock 09: Th - W	Dave Alverson	(864) 617-2449
Deacons & Spouses	Kim Burgess	(864) 940-6902

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you aren't able to attend in person, you can worship on Facebook through our live streaming system.
 visit our website
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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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