December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS To Prepare for the Celebration

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY (10:25 a.m.)

Sandra Manning

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Angie Jeffreys and Teresa Bartholomew

Leader: Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent, the time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. So let us remember again how in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

People: And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

Leader: And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

People: "For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Leader: And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2: 7-11, 13-14 NASB)

*RESPONSE

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love......BAUGH Handbell Quartet: Anthony Engrassia, Katie Engrassia, Cindy Schiepers, Tim Surles

*CAROL OF PRAISE NO. 88

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...... MENDELSSOHN

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed he Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will he done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

To Bring Tithes and Offerings

*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 94

Angels, from the Realms of Glory........................REGENT SQUARE

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pam Bass

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY...... VENI EMMANUEL

To Hear the Advent Message

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

(children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church) Rosemarie Evans

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 82

EmmanuelMcGEE

READING OF THE WORD: 1 John 4:7-12 (RSV)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE MESSAGE: "The Message of Christmas: Love" (Third in a Series)
Dr. Warf

To Respond to the Good News

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 95

Go, Tell It on the MountainGO TELL IT

*COMMISSION and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel REFRAINVENI EMMANUEL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH DEPARTS To Share His Love

POSTLUDE

JoyMichael Moose Clyde Patterson

The Ministry of Worship Participants

Dr. Clay Warf, Transitional Pastor Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education Clyde Patterson, Church Organist Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

^{*}Congregation stands, who are able

Today

Deacons: Brenda Viverette & Pam Bass Children's Church: Kelle Joyner Nursery & Toddlers: Nancy Machuca

2025 Financial Summary for 50 Weeks

Member Prayer Request

Patsy Carty Judy Edwards Weedie Hayes Family of Kelly Hedgpeth Shirley House

Claudia Mull Cheryl Rice Edith Skinner

Sue Jenkins

Prayer on Behalf of Members

Harrison Barnett Family of Dr. Mike Paul Patterson Cogdill Dexter Denton

Rudy Frazier

Craig Powell Johnny Rackley Johnathan Sawyer

Carolyn Jernigan

Charlee Skinner Edith Skinner Janice Smith Wanda Surles Douglas Whitehurst

Card Ministry to the Homebound



We are glad you are here! If you are new to NBC, use the QR code to learn more about NBC & so we can connect with YOU! Please fill out a connect card in the back of the pew.









Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Card Drop-off

Drop off cards for active NBC members at the display table in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by each Sunday to pick-up cards for you until Sunday, January 4. Make a contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Envelopes will be at the AV table and in the Fellowship Hall).



NBC Family,

The Pastor Search Team continues to work diligently in seeking the next pastor of NBC. We feel your prayers, and we ask that you continue to pray as we move forward in the months to come. We know that God is working in the heart of our next pastor and the hearts of our Pastor Search Team and church family. God's timing is always perfect! Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas! **NBC Pastor Search Team**



2026 Offering Envelopes are HERE

2026 Offering Envelopes can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Irma, the NBC Financial Assistant, if you have any questions.



