welcome to

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

NORTH WILKESBORO

11 AM SERVICE NOVEMBER 29, 2026

The Worship of Our Lord

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

"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

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements, Dr. Bert Young

Invocation, Dr. Bert Young

Lighting the Candle of Hope, The Chad Miller Family (See Insert)

Exchanging of Peace, Dr. Bert Young

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you

Praise Song ***Emmanuel*** **Bob McGee**

Emmanuel	*God with us*
Emmanuel	*Revealed in us*
His name is called	*His name is called*
Emmanuel	*Emmanuel*

Children's Sermon, Jamie Higginbotham
Children are dismissed to Children's Church

Stewardship Skit, Bob and Viki Taylor

Presenting Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Hymn, No. 77 ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** **HYFRYDOL**

Offertory Prayer, Rev. Patricia Turner

Offertory, Tammy Prevette *Holy Ground* **Christopher Beatty; arr. Mark Hayes**

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Encountering the Word of God

Scripture, Rev. Patricia Turner **Exodus 3:1-12**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer, Dr. Bert Young

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be 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.

Choral Message, TLC *Light of the World* **Lauren Daigle**

Sermon, Dr. Bert Young **"It Starts with Hope"**

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment No. 64 *God Will Take Care of You* GOD CARES

Benediction, Dr. Bert Young

Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly,
Forgive Freely, Pray Daily, and Leave the Rest to God

Postlude, Tammy Prevette *Prelude in C* **J. S. Bach**

Welcome

Thank you for being here to worship with us today. If you are visiting, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card located in the pew rack in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. If this is your first time at First Baptist Church, we invite you to stop by the Visitors Table in the Narthex after worship and accept a small gift from us. We are glad you are here and hope you feel welcomed and at home.

Activities This Week

Sun., Nov. 29 *Youth Luminary Sales Final Opportunity*

11:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service

Mon., Nov. 30

12:30 p.m. Lunch Group at Wilma Lovette's

Tues., Dec. 1

10:00 a.m. Deacon Hosp. House Meal Committee Meeting lg. conf. room

11:00 a.m. CareNet Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Wed., Dec. 2

9:00 a.m. Walking Group Cub Creek "John Henry Groce Trail" near e-chargers.

4:00 p.m. Bible Study Wayland Hall

5:00 p.m. Handbells rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Youth, First Kids, Choir/Handbell Small Group

6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri., Dec. 4

6:15 a.m. Youth Breakfast at The 50s

Sun., Dec. 6

9:30-10:30 a.m. Library Open House and Kids Café

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Youth place luminaries

7:00 p.m. 12th Annual Community Lovefeast

Birthdays This Week

Nov. 30: Adena Greene, Jamie Higginbotham; Dec. 1: Julian Parsons; Dec. 2: Keith Lowe; Dec. 4: Gail Harris, Matthew Welborn, T.J. Dunn

Ministerial Staff
Senior Pastor: Dr. Bert Young
Associate Pastor: Rev. Patricia Turner
Director of Music: Larisa Leapley
Organist/Pianist: Tammy Prevette
Children's Director: Jamie Higginbotham

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Lighting the Candle of Hope

The Chad Miller Family

Leader: It seems that today the word "hope" is often used interchangeably with the word wish, as if our hopes are only silly pipedreams.

People: But hope is much more significant and powerful than wishful thinking.

Leader: Hope is the power to see beyond our present circumstances and struggles to a future that is far better and brighter.

People: Hope also engages us to work to make the new and improved reality come to fruition.

Leader: Hope is not always logical or explicable, but it is always divine.

People: Our hope is rooted in the knowledge that with God, "the worst thing is never the last thing."

Leader: As from the stump of Jesse came the Savior, from the tomb came the Risen Lord.

ALL: In this season of Advent, Lord, cultivate hope among us, your people, until the new heaven and the new earth appear.

EVERYONE SING:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!