

First Baptist Church in Beverly
The Church with the Harborlight
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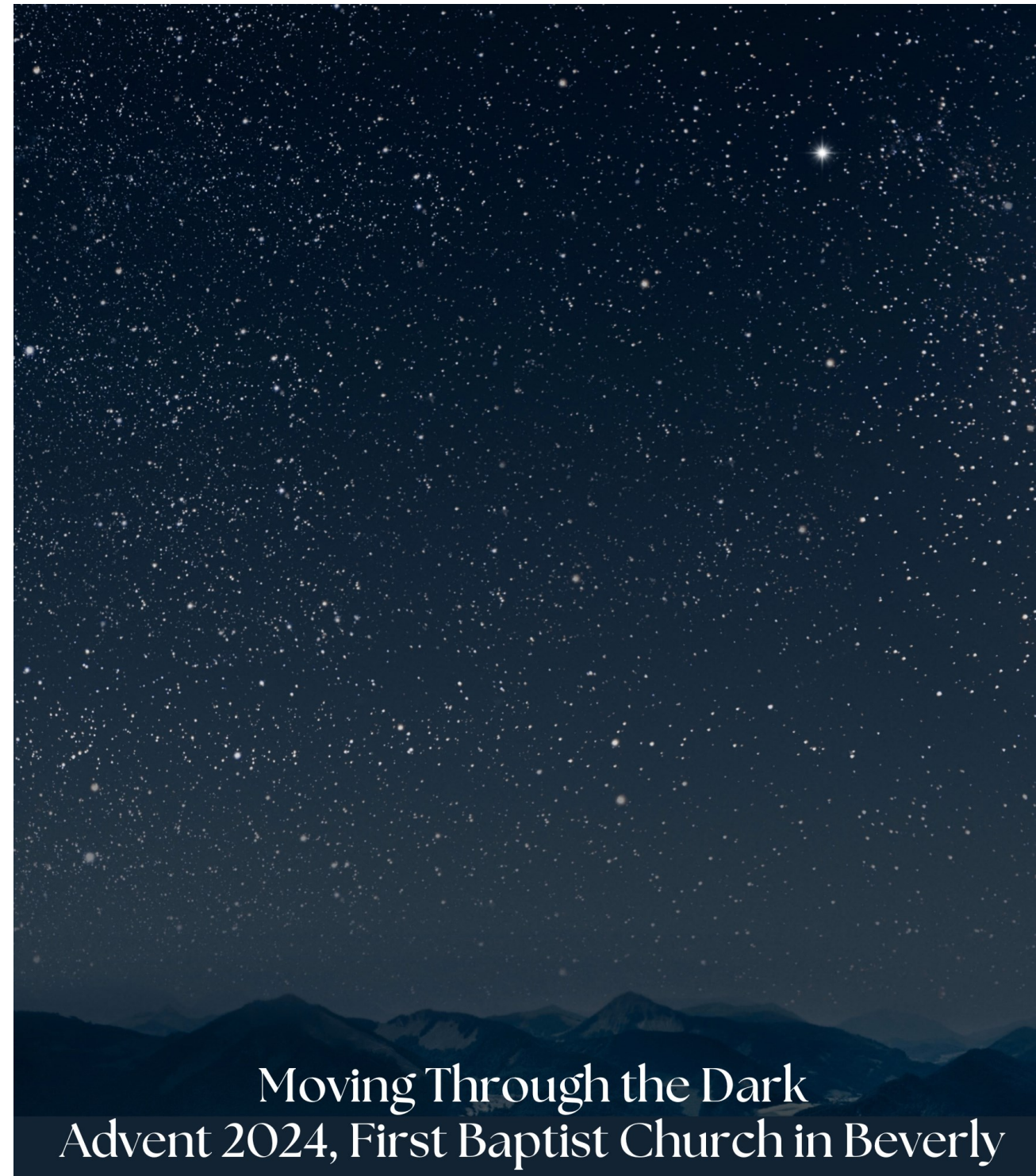
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Moving Through the Dark
Advent 2024, First Baptist Church in Beverly

**Welcome to Worship
at First Baptist Church in Beverly!**

We welcome you to worship this morning! We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather Cards in the pew rack, or to speak with Julie Flowers or Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill one out with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are in loving memory of Jan & Ed Armstrong by The Family.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children in Grade 1 and above to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The Prayground is a child-friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. A care and learning experience for preschool and Kindergarten-age children is provided throughout our service in the Littlest Learners room on the main level, located through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary. Care for infants and toddlers (all children 2 and under) is provided throughout worship in our Infant/Toddler Room across from the rear sanctuary doors. All adults who work with our children have been CORI-checked. We always encourage families and caregivers to do what is best for their child and their family during the worship time.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets monthly. The class will next meet Sunday, December 8 following worship.

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

*Indicates Congregation Standing As They Are Able

*Celebration Ringers - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.*

Hanging of the Greens - Friday at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on these and other programs of the church check the QR Code on the pew card in front of you or www.fbcbeverly.org!



Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!
Scan this QR code or text FBCTEXTSNOW to 724-361-6388 if you would like to opt in to receive text message updates, reminders, and alerts from First Baptist directly to your phone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fellowship Offering is received each Communion Sunday. The money that is received is distributed by the Deacons and pastoral staff to benefit members and neighbors in need. Envelopes are in the pew racks in front of you, if you would like to give, and may be placed in the offering plate during our service.

Orders may be placed for Christmas Poinsettias in memory of your Loved Ones. The poinsettias you order will be available to take home after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service, or if you prefer you can designate it to be delivered to someone who is homebound either in the church family or in the community. Each plant is \$10.00 Place your order in the church office or email Pat Haight at phaight@fbcbeverly.org or call 978-922-3295. Order must be placed by TODAY!

The 2025 Pledge Campaign is off to a great start! We are so grateful to all those who have prayerfully and generously made their pledge to the church for 2025, committing to gifts of time and talent, as well as financial giving. The Stewardship series this year has led to a wonderful result thus far—but we still have some distance to go to meet our goals and to be able to fully fund and support our many ministries and programs. Pledge cards can be found in the pew rack in front of you (or you can complete an online card, if you prefer), and can be filled out and placed in the offering plate during this service. Thank you to all those who have pledged thus far and to all those considering their pledge now!

Upcoming Events This Week:

Worship Ensemble - Today immediately following worship

Word Searchers - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Beverly Holiday Parade - Today at 1:00 p.m.

Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 6 p.m.

Theology on Tap - Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Kitchen Table on Cabot Street

Zoom Coffee Hour - Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Upon hearing the bells, all are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Julie Flowers

(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)

A Moment of Preparation

Call to Worship

Kim Davis, Liz Davis, Tre Davis

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Candle of Lament

*Carol of the Season 119

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Invocation, Lord's Prayer (debts),

Rev. Daniel Johnson

and Gloria in Excelesis Deo (155 chorus)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Stepsitters

Rev. Julie Flowers

Scripture Readings

Dr. Daniel Johnson
Pew Bible pg. O.T. 591

Lamentations 3:1-9
Read from the First Egalitarian Translation

Anthem

R. Schram

An Invitation for Advent

Come to us, Emmanuel. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Come and set us free. We lift our longing hearts to You; come and bring us peace. Come to us, Emmanuel. O Come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice and be glad! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Come to us, Emmanuel. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Come to us, Emmanuel. Come and bring us Your light. From darkness we have called to You, praying in the night. Come to us, Emmanuel. O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Meditation

Dr. Daniel Johnson

"Moving Through the Dark: Curses!"

Morning Offering

Call to Giving
Offertory

Rev. Julie Flowers
J. Martin

Bethlehem Wind

Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, over the hills and the valleys. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, God's promise of love and salvation. Blow, blow, Spirit of Truth, carry the news of a Saviour. Blow, blow, Spirit of God, preparing the word for God's Son. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, carry the song of the angels. Blow, blow, Bethlehem wind, blow. Blow, blow, Spirit of Hope, scatter the leaves of our sorrow. Blow, blow Spirit of God, warm the whole world with your love. Alleluia.

**Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

The Lord's Supper

Concerns and Celebrations
Prayer
Invitation to the Table
Sharing the Bread
Sharing the Cup

*Carol of the Season

CRANHAM

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

*Benediction

Rev. Julie Flowers

*Postlude