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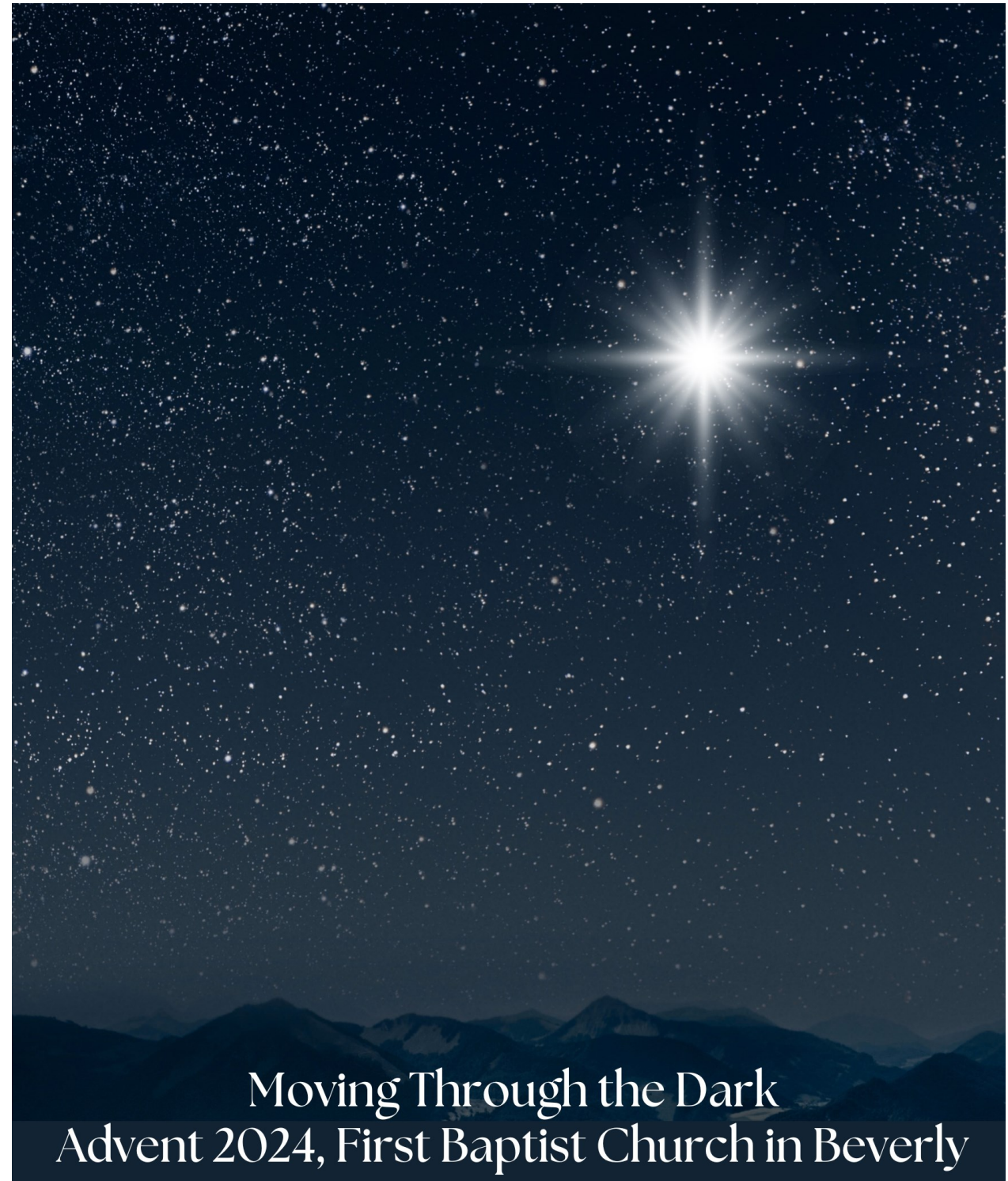
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Moving Through the Dark
Advent 2024, First Baptist Church in Beverly

**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 or prayer 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 the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

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 will pick up in January. The class meets twice a month, immediately 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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

Dr. Daniel Johnson

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

A Moment of Preparation

G. Caccini

Ave Maria
Priscilla Deck, violin

Call to Worship

Todd Ames, Adam Constantine,
Karen Popadic, Amy Puff

Lighting the Fourth Candle of our Advent Wreath:
The Candle of Joy

***Carol of the Season 138**

REJOICE, REJOICE

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

***Invocation, Lord's Prayer (debts),**

Rev. Julie Flowers

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

Dr. Daniel Johnson

Anthem

M.W. Smith

Christmastime

Ding, dong, ding. Ring the Christmas bells. Ring them loud with the message bringing peace on earth, tidings of good cheer. Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing, "Joy to the world!" Christmastime is here again. Children, gather around and listen. You'll hear the sounds of angels filling the sky, telling ev'ryone, "Christmastime is here!" Ring Christmas bells. Ring them loud with the message bringing peace on earth, tidings of good cheer. Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing. "Joy to the world!" Christmastime is here again. It's Christmas. Loved ones close to our hearts, and strangers in lands afar, together share in the joy. Emmanuel, He has come to dwell. With one voice, let the world rejoice! Ding, dong, ding. Ring Christmas bells, Ring them loud with the message bringing peace on the earth, tidings of good cheer. Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing, "Joy to the world!" Christmastime is here.

Scripture Reading

Dr. Esther Chang
Pew Bible pg. O.T. 494

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible pg. N.T. 1

Matthew 1:18-23

Morning Prayer

Dr. Daniel Johnson

***Carol of the Season 143**

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

Sermon

Rev. Julie Flowers

"Moving Through the Dark: Exultation!"

Upcoming Events This Week:

Worship Ensemble - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Jesus' Birthday Party - Today at 11:30 a.m.

Middle School Fellowship - Today at 4:00 p.m.

Sr. High Fellowship - Today at 6:00 p.m.

*Early Christmas Eve Service - Planned with the Enthusiasm of Children in Mind
Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.*

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Lessons and Carols
Tuesday at 11:00 p.m.*

Church Office Closed - Wednesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 27

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.

In Honor of:

Loved Ones

By Priscilla & Neiland Douglas

Memorial Donations

Jan & Ed Armstrong

by The Armstrong, Johnstone, and McCay Families

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by The Armstrong Johnstone Family

Trevor Barbin

by The Armstrong Johnstone Family

Trevor Barbin

by Karen Brindle

Morning Offering

Call to Giving


Dr. Daniel Johnson

Offertory

J.S. Bach

Sheep May Safely Graze

Priscilla Deck, violin

 *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.

*Carol of the Season 142

BESANÇON

People, Look East

*Benediction

Rev. Julie Flowers

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The poinsettias decorating our Sanctuary this Christmas are
in memory and in honor of those listed here*

Kristen Lee Anastasi

by Beth Garry

Trevor Barbin

Love, Mom, Dad, Emma, Dwight, and Faith

Elly Gram Beaton

By Colby, Jessica, Brian, Heidi, Wendy, Tim, and Sandy

Barbara & Bill Blanchard, and Billy

by Deb & Bob Blanchard

My husband, Bill Blanchard, III, and my Father, Bertram Allen

by Sarah Blanchard

Phyllis & Marshall Brennan and Emory & Patricia Perry

by Ron & Leslie Brennan

Philip A.C. & Marguerite Bugler

by David Steedman

Beth A. Bugler-Steedman

by David Steedman

Barbara & "Buzz" Busineau and Sally Balisciano

by Deb & Bob Blanchard

Dr. Alan W. Carlson

By Colby, Jessica, Brian, Heidi, Wendy, Tim, and Sandy

Betty & Harold Clark

by The Armstrong, Johnstone, and McCay Families

Barbara Crawford

by Barbara Brann-Weir

Margaret Davey

by Barbara Brann-Weir

Dad, Larry Davis

by Kim Davis

Trudy Fogg

by Barbara Brann-Weir

Richard Folsom

by Barbara Brann-Weir

Rev. Donald A. Fonda, Jr.

By His Wife, Jeanne

Hilda Holt and her niece, Gro Berg

by Loyce & John Thomson

Ron Innocenti and Our Parents

by The Barbin Family

My husband, John Paul Kelly

by Ami Stockellburg

Joyce & Ian Kingston

by Sue Kingston

Loved Ones

by Dianne & Rich Cashman

Loved Ones

by Liz & Tom Crean

Loved Ones

By The Drinkwater Family

Loved Ones

by Elly & Walter Flowers

Loved Ones

by Walter & Elly Flowers

Bob Mancini

by Laura Stanton

Kathy McCay

by The Armstrong, Johnstone and McCay Families

My Parents, John & Lurana Porter

by Loyce & John Thomson

Katherine Richardson

by Kim Davis

Louise and Elaine Sangster

by The Armstrong, Johnstone, and McCay Families

Mary & Lawrence Steedman, Jr.

by David Steedman

My Parents, Martha & Norman Stockellburg

by Ami Stockellburg

Allan Walch

by The Constantine Family

Phyllis & Raymond Wilber

by The Armstrong, Johnstone, and McCay Families

Willa Williams and Doug Johnstone

By The Armstrong Johnstone Family