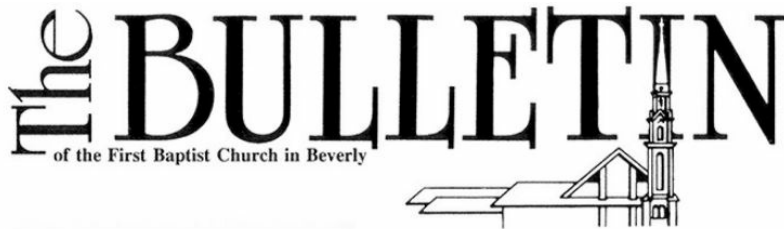


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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Get Involved

Worship with
Us

Need help getting into the spirit of the season? We have a solution! Julie and Daniel would LOVE some helping hands this Friday night for *Parents' Night Out* and/or next week to get things staged and ready for our Christmas Eve Services! Please *contact Julie* if interested in pitching in for Christmas Eve preparations and *contact Daniel* if available to help out with PNO this Friday!

Join us for *Music Sunday* at First Baptist Church in Beverly!

*Celebrate Christ's birth with
festive music this Sunday at 10:00 am!*



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Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our *FBC YouTube Channel*.

This Sunday a few of our Senior High youth will continue building our Nativity Scene, adding Mary during the beginning of worship for this Third Sunday in Advent.

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Prayground will be open as worship

DR. ESTHER CHANG, MUSIC DIRECTOR OF FBC BEVERLY,
PRESENTS...

FBC'S MUSIC SUNDAY!

The service will feature music from our Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Ringers bell choir, and Worship Ensemble, and will also feature special music from musicians in our church family. The music is a mix of music of the season - festive, moving, and beautiful!



begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.

- Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.

Priscilla Deck, Emmett Flowers, Samuel Johnson, and Abby Sykes will light the Advent wreath in worship this week!

First Baptist Church in Beverly
Music Sunday, December 15, 2024

“Moving Through the Dark:
Breathe.”

Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson
Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Click [HERE](#) to join Worship
via Livestream on Sunday



MY HEART BE BRAVE:
FEARLESS HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN
BEVERLY 2024-2025

Middle School Fellowship: Theme Day!
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church

The Middle School Fellowship will be returning to our theme for the year (All Problems, Big and Small!) this week, for continued exploration of how we can identify, triage, size up, and tackle the problems and bumps in the road that come into our lives. This week, the group will have the opportunity to get creative, as they work to create board games that could help teach younger children about problem solving in fun and thoughtful ways. The group will start the afternoon working on designing and creating their games, and then there will be a chance to present the games created AND to have time to play these newly created games, too! As always, friends are welcome!

****Save the Date for the Middle School Fellowship Retreat at Grotonwood in Groton, MA:
April 4th–6th 2025****

Sr. High Fellowship: Holiday Party!
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Our Sr High Fellowship will be having its annual Holiday Party this Sunday from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the home of Bella Karaganis. All youth and advisors are invited to bring a holiday snack/dessert to share (dinner will be provided), as well as a fun/silly **wrapped** gift for a Yankee Swap. These gifts should be \$10 or under, and should be lighthearted and fun in

nature. We will also have some extra gifts on hand, should anyone not have one with them but want to participate! Friends are welcome, of course, as is festive attire!

Save the Date for the Sr. High Fellowship Retreat to North Conway, NH: January 10th–12th, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click
HERE to
view our
Web
Calendar

Have yourself a merry little

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

along Cabot Street while your kids enjoy dinner and a super festive time at FBC!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH,
FROM 6:00–8:30 P.M.**

221 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915

What happens when Beverly Main Streets hosts our Beverly Downtown Winter Market the same night FBC plans their monthly Parents' Night Out?! Complete fun for everyone! Bring your youth for dinner and a Darth Vader visitor/photo op, a retelling and look into the Nutcracker ballet thanks to North Atlantic Ballet Theatre, Inc. and much, much more!

FOR MORE INFO GO TO
www.fbcbeverly.org

**Downtown Winter Market
ARTIST MARKET
LOCATIONS**
friday december 13th
artists @ First Baptist Church →

HARVARD ALPACA RANCH
748 WOOD DESIGNS 748
STARSEED WOODWORKS
MUNAMUSKIE

Speaking of this Friday's PNO...

We could really use some extra hands for our big Parents' Night Out coinciding with the Beverly Winter Market! Please let Daniel know ASAP if you are available (the event runs from 6:00-8:30 p.m.) Volunteers must either have a CORI on file with us OR contact Daniel so he can run a CORI check if interested in helping out. Thanks so much in advance for having the heart of a volunteer!

Email Daniel by clicking [HERE](#) to help with PNO this Friday night!



Volunteers Welcomed as we prep for Christmas Services at FBC!

If folks are available and interested in helping to prep Longest Night Service candles, Christmas Eve candles, the Christmas Eve ornament gift, and Christmas Eve pageant props on Monday the 16th, Thursday the 19th or Friday the 20th [please let Julie know via email ASAP](#) and include what times you are available those days to assist!

Julie will align the time slots and be sure to let everyone know. Helping prepare for Christmas week services is fun, joyful, and festive - a GREAT way to spend some time together with FBC Friends too!

There's Not One but **TWO** FBC Holiday Gatherings Planned for this Saturday Night!

A graphic with a green background and a red border. On the left, there is a small illustration of a wrapped gift with a red ribbon. To the right of the gift, the text "Saturday, 12/14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Johnson residence, 24 Lothrop Street" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Join us for our Christmas Potluck & Yankee Swap Party!" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says "Bring your favorite dish and a wrapped gift." On the right side of the graphic, there is a photograph of a group of people sitting around a table, eating and talking. The table is covered with various dishes, including salads, bread, and meat. A red ribbon is tied around the bottom right corner of the photograph.



FBC's Twenties:

Holiday Game Night

Saturday, December
14th, 6:30 PM

A festive evening at
FBC for folks in their
20s and 30s

Dinner provided,
bring a dessert
to share!

Advent 2024

Moving Through the Dark



Advent 2024: Moving Through the Dark



You are warmly invited to the following services offered at First Baptist Church in Beverly this Advent Season:

Longest Night Service

Friday, December 20th at 7:00 pm for a brief service of music and candlelight that offers a quiet space for worship and reflection as we draw nearer to Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service
Planned with the Enthusiasm of Children in Mind and featuring our Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant for all who would like to participate!

11:00 pm: Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols



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A LOOK AT LAST FRIDAY'S
Hanging of the Greens



60 FBCers of all ages came together for an evening of dinner, decorating (with festive music from Abby Sykes' strings trio playing live during the decorating!), Christmas carol karaoke, and a fully interactive telling of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Thank you to ALL our volunteers who made the event such a joyful success!



FBC Sunday Worship Moments



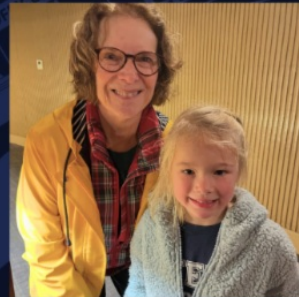
Pictured are Rachel, Zeke, and Esme lighting the Advent wreath, the Stepsitters moment led by Daniel, and elementary friends adding to the Nativity Scene! ✨

THE CABOT



It was a packed house last evening at the FBC-sponsored \$1 Movie Night at The Cabot, with audience members caroling right along!

Huge thanks to our Fun Squad members who helped make this night possible through their hard work and creative planning and to everyone who came and attended (400 or so of you!)



Looking at this week and beyond
at FBC...



Come to to play Pickleball with us on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the FBC gym!



Nativity Scene

YOUTUBE SHORTS ARE BACK AT FBC!



Come, Let Us Worship

**FBC'S
PODCAST**

The Weekly
Worship
Podcast of
First Baptist
Church in
Beverly,
Massachusetts



NEW EPISODE:

"Moving Through The Dark:
Onward!"

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:3-8

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Sunday, December 8th, 2024



“

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

”

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

— Psalm 22:4-5

PENCIL IN FBC

December

13

Friday

Parents' Night Out

Our December PNO will run simultaneously with Beverly's Winter Market offering extra fun & festive opportunities for parents and caregivers to enjoy the markets while the children have special entertainment! *PNO will run from 6:00-8:30 p.m. as usual and is open to everyone in the greater community.*

The LeeVeas are Back in Town!

Remember the fun and rocking Hanukkah Party for All that we had at FBC with The LeeVeas last December? Well, they are back this year and performing at The Cut in Gloucester (177 Main St.) on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available [here](#).

December

14

Saturday

Holiday Potluck & Yankee Swap

Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Daniel and Susan Johnson (24 Lothrop Street) as we continue this fantastic FBC tradition.

Twerties Holiday Game Night

If you're a Twerty (in your twenties or thirties), come on out to the church this Saturday for our big Holiday Game Party! All the fun begins at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be provided.

December

15

Sunday

Music Sunday at FBC!

Mark your calendars joyfully and get ready for sounds of the season presented by Esther and her incredible choirs, soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists!

December

17

Tuesday

FBC T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our FBC Men's Fellowship group will meet for a FREE breakfast this Tuesday at Depot Diner for this month.

December

20

Friday

Longest Night Service

At 7:00 p.m. all are welcome to join a brief service of music and candlelight that offers a quiet space for worship and reflection as we draw nearer to Christmas.

December

22

Sunday

Jesus' Birthday Party & Sing-A-Long

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Christmas Sunday worship followed immediately by our annual birthday party for Jesus and Sing-A-Long in Wilbur Hall. Our carols of the season will culminate with a hilarious interactive rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and Elly Flowers will be coordinating a fun craft table!

December

24

Tuesday

Christmas Eve Service Planned with the Enthusiasm of Children in Mind

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for this early service featuring our Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant for all who would like to participate!

Candlelight Service of Lessons &

Carols

This moving service begins at 11:00 p.m. and features musical selections sure to touch your heart this Advent season.

December

25-26

Wednesday-Thursday

Merry Christmas!

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday in honor of the Christmas holiday.

December

29

Sunday

Service of Story and Song!

Join us at 10:00 o'clock for an uplifting service for all ages as you prepare to enter 2025! There will be stories of the season and lots of favorite carols to sing together.

January

5

Sunday

Service Trip Fundraiser at Cape Ann Lanes

Save the date for an afternoon of bowling, fun, and fellowship at Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester, with proceeds benefiting the FBC Service Trip planned for the summer of 2025. More details to follow.

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