

Church Announcements

Worship Service – Welcome to the Morning Worship Service:

We celebrate the Advent season in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. It is a time for moments of reflection and preparation and a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of the Savior at Christmas. It demonstrates God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable, His sacrificial death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection! During this season of Advent let us not miss the true meaning of Christmas like the innkeeper that turned away Mary and Joseph in the inn. Let us expect the hope of Christ's coming again by making room for Christ in our hearts of worship and service to the King of kings and Lord of Lords. "and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Sunday School: All children and youth are welcome to join us for Junior Church Worship and participate in Christian education activities.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

Thursday December 10, 7:00 PM Bible Study

Retired Minister's and Missionaries Offering We have an opportunity to be a blessing and support our American Baptist Churches retired ministers, missionaries and widowed spouses who served faithfully our local churches and missions overseas. You may show your love and gratitude by placing an offering in the envelope **today, December 6**. The envelopes are located in the back of the pew.

Sharing Christmas December 13th please come and bring gifts for the various local missions of First Baptist. This includes **nonperishable** items for the Somerset Food Bank, **personal care items of soap, deodorant, and tooth paste for SHIP and Jail Chaplaincy, and warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for Russian Church in Philadelphia PA.** Members, preschool staff, and friends are asked to join us downstairs in Codrington Hall following morning worship.

The Jail Chaplaincy Christmas Care Program is asking for donations of non-violent toys or gifts, for children of inmates incarcerated at Somerset County Jail. If the toy or gift requires batteries, we ask that you include them. We need toys and gifts suitable for either girls or boys, and for all ages from infants to High School students. **Toys will be accepted from November 29 through Sunday, December 13.** Thanking you in advance for your support to help ensure that the children of inmates will receive Christmas gifts again this year.

Poinsettias and Annual Christmas Card Please order your Christmas Poinsettias by completing the enclosed form **no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2015** and return to the church office. Come and join us to help beautify the sanctuary for the Advent season and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Church Annual Reports All officers and chairpersons of the boards and committees, please submit reports by December 18th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Envelopes for Tithes and Offerings Anyone that does NOT currently have envelopes and would like to have them, please contact Bill Williams with your name and address as soon as possible.

Somerset Food Bank: Thanks to our preschoolers we now have a beautiful box to place your food donations. Non-perishable Food Bank Donations may be placed in the box in the rear of the church, the need is great. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Web-site please visit our church web-site, firstbaptistsomerville.org for upcoming events and happenings! If you have photos of church events to share on the website, please send them to fbcsomsec@verizon.net in jpeg format or submit them on CD to the church office.

"We are becoming fishers of people" Mark 1: 16-20



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

First Baptist Church

132 West High Street
Somerville, NJ 08876
Pastor Loreno R. Flemmings

Telephone: (908) 725-1016
Email: fbcsomsec@verizon.net
www.firstbaptistsomerville.org

Holy Communion and Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude: Ruth Mueller

Welcome and Announcements Deacon Robert Bryant

Fellowship Period (Extending God's love to one another)
Congregational Introit: "Bless His Holy Name" Blue # 13

***Call to Worship** (In Unison) **Pastor Flemmings**

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

Psalm 25: 4-5

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Scripture Readings Narco and Merlinda Magsino
Malachi 3: 1-4: Luke 1: 68, 69, 76-79

***Hymn of Praise:** "Glorious Is Thy Name" Blue # 85

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

*Gloria Patri Red # 812

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving

Worship in Prayer

Call to Prayer "Pass Me Not" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 337

Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Flemmings**

Prayer Response "Pass Me Not" Verse 3 Blue # 337

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Through the Eyes of Children and Youth

All children and youth are welcome to join us for Junior Church Worship and participate in Christian education activities.

Worship in Tithing and Offerings

Offertory Sentence (In unison):

"Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts."

Psalm 96: 7-8

*Doxology Blue # 624

*Prayer of Dedication

Worship via the Word

*Hymn of Preparation: "The Joy of the Lord" Red # 541

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: Isaiah 33: 5-7 Pew Bible pages No. 1108

New Testament: Luke 2: 7 Pew Bible pages No. 1591

Sermon: "Who Are the Innkeepers Today?"

Pastor Flemmings

***Hymn of Invitation:** "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" Blue # 119

Commemoration of the Lords Supper

Responsive Reading "The Messianic King" Blue # 634

Blessing and Partaking of the Elements

Hymn of Fellowship "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Blue # 116

***Benediction:**

Amen: Denmark" Blue # 628 IV

Organ Postlude:

*Congregation Please Stand Ruth Mueller

WELCOME

The First Baptist Family is indeed happy that you came to worship with us today. We celebrate your presence and extend our hand of friendship during the fellowship period. Would you please fill out the Visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate? In addition, if you are new to the community, visiting with family, or live in the neighborhood, please feel free to speak with the Pastor or one of the Deacons following morning worship and please sign the Visitor's Book as you leave the sanctuary.



The flowers on our altar have heard the hymns that were sung, the prayers that were offered and the sermon that has been preached. Thank you for your donations that beautify our sanctuary. The Flower Chart is located near the rear of the church for all members and friends.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Members, Friends and Family – Resting at Home



Bill Berry	Josephine Bowden
Kimberly Bryant	Beth Chandler
Barbara Esposito (Mary Miller's daughter)	Jennifer Harbach
Judy Hoak	Evelyn Kopf
Adeline Lofstrom	Cardinia Namendi
Quaid Mobus (Darin Lentzsch's cousin)	Aurora Piedra
Ligia Piedra	Andrew Walsh
Marge Schoonover	

Hospital & Nursing Home

Stella Carlson/Rivers Edge (Rich's Mother)
Corrine Chen/Arbor Glen
Susan Lofstrom/Brighton Gardens
Brenda Savidge/Avalon

Condolences

It is with our deepest sympathy that we extend our condolences and prayers to the Field family in the passing of Evelyn Field on Thursday, December 3, 2015