

Church Announcements

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

Worship Service – Welcome to the Morning Worship Service:

We celebrate the Holy season of Advent on November 29 – December 20. Advent means "Coming." We celebrate Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. It is a time for moments of reflection and preparation. For centuries, Christians have observed 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 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. Let each of us become the innkeepers of one another as we wait for the arrival of Christ. Luke writes "And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths 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 1, 7:00 PM Bible Study

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.

Church Decorating Come and join us in this season of Advent to help beautify the sanctuary on Saturday, December 5th at 10 AM.

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 **on or before Sunday, 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 include **nonperishable** items for the 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 ask to join us downstairs in Codington Hall following morning worship.

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.

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 fbcsonsec@verizon.net in jpeg format or submit them on CD to the church office.



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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015, 11:00 a.m.
Rev. J. Kenneth Mart, Officiating

Organ Prelude: Ruth Mueller

Welcome and Announcements Deacon Robert Bryant
Fellowship Period (Extending God's love to one another)
Congregational Introit: "The Advent of Our God" Blue # 120

***Call to Worship (In Unison)** Rev. J. Kenneth Mart
"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" Isaiah 52:7

Lighting of the First Advent Candle
Scripture Readings Margret Ann Charles and Zaida Mayes
Old Testament: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 New Testament: Luke 21: 25-28

***Hymn of Praise:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Blue # 123
*Prayer of Invocation
Congregation Sings The Lord's Prayer Blue # 426

Blessings of Joy and Thanksgiving
Worship in Prayer
Call to Prayer "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Verse 1 & 2 Blue # 118
Pastoral Prayer Rev. J. Kenneth Mart
Prayer Response "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Verse 3 Blue # 118

Special Music: Ruth Mueller

Through the Eyes of Retired Ministers and Missionaries
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Giving of Our Tithing and Offerings Rev. J. Kenneth Mart
Offertory Sentence (In unison):
"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that all who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16
Blue # 624

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Worship via the Word
*Hymn of Preparation: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Blue # 124

Introduction of Guest Speaker Rev. J. Kenneth Mart

Scripture Reading: Pastor Cliff Walling
New Testament: Titus 2:11-15
Pew Bible pages No. 1543

Sermon: "The Overwhelming Power of Grace" Pastor Cliff Walling

***Commitment Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Blue # 127

***Benediction:**
Amen: Denmark" Blue # 628 IV
Organ Postlude: Ruth Mueller
*Congregation Please Stand

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
Kimberly Bryant
Barbara Esposito (Mary Miller's daughter)
Jennifer Harbach
Evelyn Kopf
Cardinia Namendi
Aurora Piedra
Andrew Walsh

Josephine Bowden
Beth Chandler
Evelyn Field
Judy Hoak
Adeline Lofstrom
Quaid Mobus (Darin Lentzsch's cousin)
Ligia Piedra
Marge Schoonover

Hospital & Nursing Home

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

Our Guest Speaker: We welcome Pastor Cliff Walling, English Service Pastor at Redentor Presbyterian Church. He is also the Associate Chaplain for Somerset County Chaplaincy. He attended the University of Virginia/Masters College/Pillar College. He attained a Master's Degree in Biblical Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. After serving in the Marine Corps, Cliff served in law enforcement for over 26 years he is now retired and seek to serve the Lord full time in Christian service. He is married to Kim and they have two daughters, Heather and Kelly.