



First Baptist Church  
**GREENWOOD**

January 12, 2025



“Baptism of Christ”

2005

Dave Zelenka

# *Welcome to First Baptist Church!*

*We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.*

*We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth.*

*Please join us again.*

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**The Worship of God**  
**January 12, 2025**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: "Through baptism, we proclaim our faith and publicly acknowledge our dedication to following Christ's teachings."  
—Rick Warren

Prelude "Spirit of the Living God" Will Thomas Cleveland  
Music by Malcolm Archer

Lighting of the Gospel Candles James White

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me" Chancel Choir  
Words by Jan McGuire, Music by Hal Hopson, Tune: JOYFUL SINGING  
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Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your perfect peace.  
Free me from the fears that bind me, from my worries bring release.  
As a dove, You come from heaven. Stay here now; abide with me.  
Teach me how to trust more fully, everlasting mystery.

\*Hymn of Celebration 449 "Baptized in Water" BUNESSAN

Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Age 3K-5th grade) David Jennings

*(After Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church.)*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7  
(Pew Bible, OT, page 631)

Camden Nave

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

\*Offertory Hymn 243 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” MORECAMBE

Offertory Prayer Vaughan Free

Offertory Meditation “Crusader's Hymn” Will Thomas Cleveland  
Music by Gayden C. Sikes

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Song of Celebration “Gentle Rose of Beauty” Keith Jameson

*The red rose on the Communion table is in honor of the birth of  
Ezra Elizabeth Bridges, daughter of Angela and Nathan Bridges.*

Voice

The musical score is written for voice in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a *Piano* dynamic and includes the tempo markings *rit.* and *a tempo*. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Gen - tle rose of beau - ty,  
Gen - tle child of beau - ty,  
Gen - tle rose of sub - tle per - fumed air. bloom of God's cre - a - tion,  
Gen - tle child of peace and har - mo - ny, Gift of God's cre - a - tion,  
pet - als kissed by dew, re - mind - ing all God cares for me and you, Gen - tle rose of  
lea - tures kissed by You, This child, a bless - ing, born of Love a - new. Gen - tle child of  
hea - ven, here to give us joy and won - der, beau - ty, grace, and love.  
hea - ven, Let us give her/him joy and laugh - ter, good - ness, grace and love.

Choral Call to Prayer

“Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me”

Chancel Choir

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Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your presence pure.  
Let me feel You all around me, hold me with Your love secure.  
As a flame, You come from heaven. Stay here now; burn bright in me.  
Teach me how to love more fully, everlasting mystery.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Keith Jameson

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy  
**The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

John Uldrick

(Pew Bible, NT, page 52)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Come to the Water”

Chancel Choir

Words by Jeremy Blackwood, Music arranged by Anna Laura Page  
Tune: CRUSADER’S HYMN from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842  
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***Congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1, 2 and 4.  
Words and music are on the next page.***

Come to the water, come refresh your spirit, come, find the righteousness of God.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us, renew our hearts forevermore.

Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine,  
Come, wash us with Your renewing power.  
We long for Your touch, we long for Your peace. Empower us, O Holy Lord.

Born through the water and the Holy Spirit, we come in faith to proclaim Your word.  
Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being, make us disciples of Your grace.

Thank You, O Father; guide us to Your will divine. Help us to be the hands of Christ.  
Guide us, O Father, give us the courage to walk the way that leads to You. Amen.

# Come to the Water

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Jeremy Blackwood

Arranged by Anna Laura Page  
Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN  
from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

*Please sing when directed*



Come to the wa - ter, come re - fresh your  
Gra - cious Re - deem - er, how we long for



spir - it; come, find the right - eous - ness of  
grace di - vine; come, wash us with Your re - new - ing



God. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come work with -  
power. We long — for Your touch, we long —



in — us, re - new our hearts for - ev - er - more.  
for Your peace. Em - pow - er us, O Ho - ly Lord.

*Choir sings stanza 3*



Thank You, O Fa - ther; guide us to Your



will di - vine. Help us to be the — hands of



Christ. Guide us, O Fa - ther, give us the



cour - age to walk the way that leads to You.

Sermon "Of Water and Fire" John Uldrick

\*Hymn of Commitment 235 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

Benediction John Uldrick

**Congregational Response: And also with you.**

Choral Response "Holy Spirit, Come Upon Me" Chancel Choir

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Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your mighty power.  
Give me strength for every challenge; grant me courage for each hour.  
As a wind, You come from heaven. Stay here now; breathe life in me.  
Teach me how to live more fully, everlasting mystery.

Postlude "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" Will Thomas Cleveland  
Music by Malcolm Archer

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Ridgeway by his family.

**Ministry Plan Update (as of January 5)**

2025 Year-to-Date Required:	\$ 19,144.34
2025 Year-to-Date Received:	\$ 8,103.31
2025 Deficit:	\$ 11,041.03

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

## Monday, January 13

- 6:00 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

## Tuesday, January 14

- Noon *Young at Heart*
- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir

## Wednesday, January 15—**Noon: Deadline January 15 meal reservations**

- 5:30 pm Bright Beginnings Preschool Music Activities, Music Makers Children's Choir, Young Musicians Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal  
Adult Menu: spaghetti, steamed vegetables, garlic bread, tossed salad, tortelli soup, cookies, strawberry shortcake and ice cream  
Kid's Menu: same menu
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs (children), Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

## Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 am Diaconate Meeting
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship (**No childcare available.**)
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

## Monday, January 20—**Church Office Closed**

## Tuesday, January 21

- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir



# ***CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION***

***BREAKFAST & CONVERSATION BEFORE  
WORSHIP ON JANUARY 26***

***JOIN US FOR THE  
FIRST OF SEVERAL  
DREAMING  
CONVERSATIONS!***

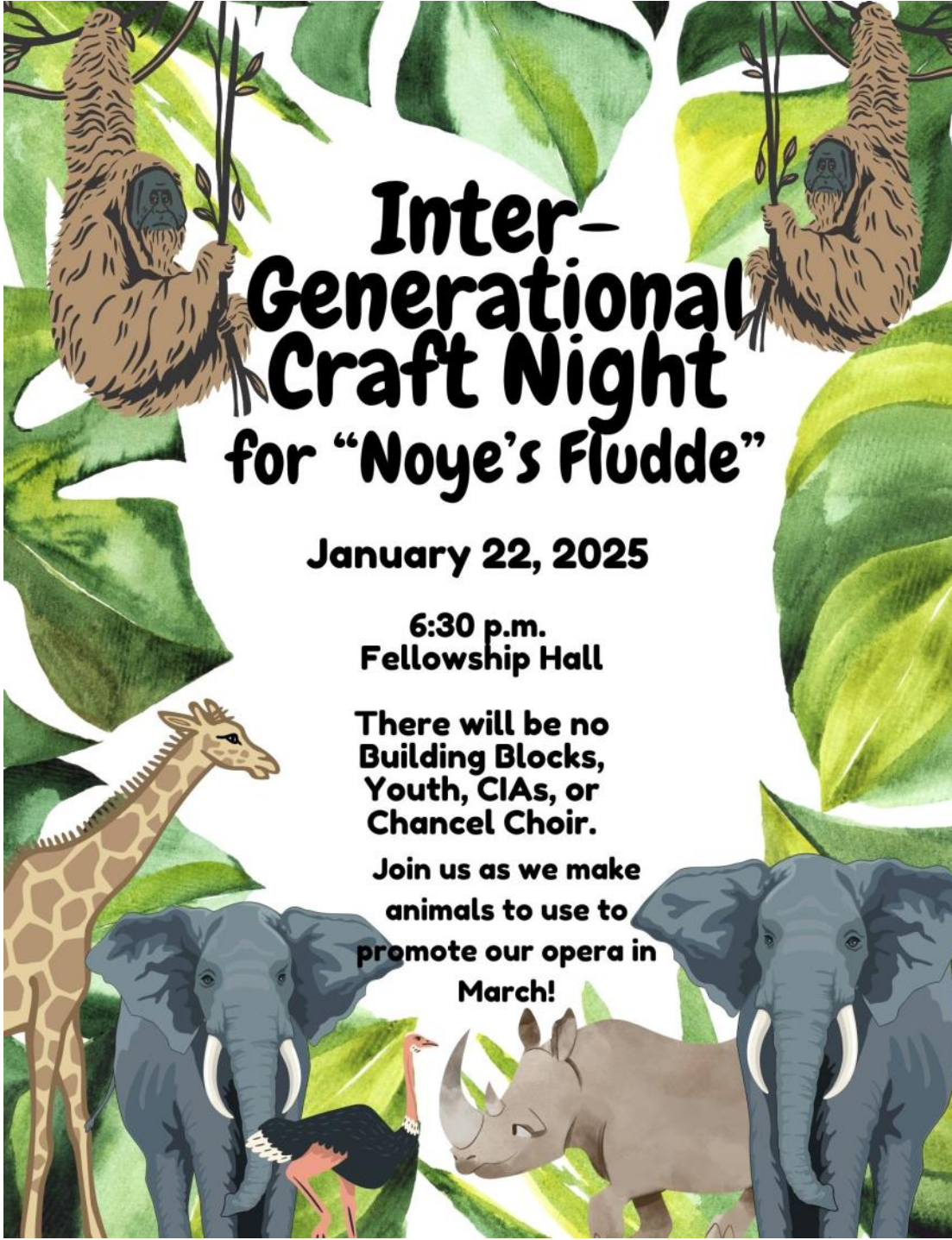
FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

***8:30 - BREAKFAST***

***9:00 - CONVERSATION  
BEGINS***

***10:30 - BREAK***

***11:00 - WORSHIP***



# Inter- Generational Craft Night for “Noye’s Fludde”

**January 22, 2025**

**6:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**There will be no  
Building Blocks,  
Youth, CIAs, or  
Chancel Choir.**

**Join us as we make  
animals to use to  
promote our opera in  
March!**



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