

1879 "THE FORTY-SIXTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2025

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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"In 2025, We are Walking in the Will of the Divine"
"The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way." Psalm 37: 23

DECEMBER 21, 2025
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CHRISTMAS STORY **IN CAROLS, SPIRITUAL AND GOSPEL SONGS**

Enter to Worship

Only one life
It'll soon be past

Depart to Serve

Only what's done
For God will last!



"God make this house of worship we have raised to You wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and the Father's care and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth that it may be no stumbling block to childhood weakness or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make this house of worship the gateway to Your eternal Kingdom."

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLE

THE ANGELS' CANDLE Deacon James and Mrs. Alice Brown

- Leader:** “And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12
- Congregation:** “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:13-14
- Leader:** Our scripture for the Fourth Sunday of Advent was taken from the Gospel of Luke, the First Chapter, verses twenty six through thirty five and it reads:
- All:** “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou has found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

THE CHRIST CANDLE

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THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE AND THE CHRIST CANDLE

- Leader:** As we light the Fourth candle of the Advent Wreath, our thoughts focus on the message of the Angels regarding the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- All:** Oh, come, Oh come, Emmanuel now let all the heavens adore you, And saints and angels Sing before you. Let us dwell in grace and in truth victoriously. Your star is rising, and your light is come. Oh, come you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son. Amen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS, THE SPOKEN WORD
AND HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Prelude

“Gloria” Shaw

Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

The Call To Worship

Rev. Keith Jackson

The Lighting Of The Angels’ and Christ Candle

Deacon James and Mrs. Alice Brown

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest; Refrain**

The Lord’s Prayer

Mrs. Cristal Smith-Byrd, Soloist

The First Lesson

Mr. Denvil Saine

Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The Second Lesson
Genesis 22:15-18

Mrs. Minnie Collins

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Special Music

“Ave Maria” Franz Schubert

James Pickens

The Third Lesson
Isaiah 2:1-5

Mrs. Karen Hudson

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**It came upon a midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heavens all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

The Fourth Lesson
Isaiah 2:1-5

Mrs. Peggy Fuller

The word that Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Fifth Lesson

Dr. Sarah Williams

Luke 1:26-38

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

SILENT NIGHT

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born
Christ, the Savior is born.**

The Sixth Lesson
Matthew 2:1-11

Mrs. Francine Prosser-Johnson

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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The Seventh Lesson
Luke 2:8-16

The Choral Readers

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

ORDER MY STEPS

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**Order my steps in Your Word, Dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray
Order my steps in Your Word, YES
Order my steps in Your Word**

The Eighth Lesson
Matthew 2:1-11

Deacon Lawrence Harkless

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Special Music **“LITTLE DRUMMER BOY”** The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum

A new born king to see
Pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the king
Pa rum pum pum pum,

So to honor him
Pa rum pum pum pum
When we come
Pum pum pum pum

The Ninth Lesson
John 1:1-14

Deacon Dewayne Jennings

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love**

A Prayer for Renewal

Rev. Keith Jackson

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Voices of Second Baptist Church and Congregation

**Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world.**

The Gift of Tithes and Offering

Rev, Dawarren Ennis

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Sweet little Jesus boy They made you be born in a manger
Sweet little holy child We didn't know who you were
Didn't know you'd come to save us Lord To take our sins away
Our eyes were blind, we could not see We didn't know who you were

Long time ago You were born Born in a manger Lord
Sweet little Jesus boy The world treats you mean Lord
Treats me mean too
But that's how things are down here We don't know who you are

You have told us how We are trying Master you have shown us how
Even when you were dying Just seems like we can't do right
Look how we treated you But please Sir forgive us Lord We didn't know it was you

Sweet little Jesus boy Born a long time ago Sweet little holy child
We didn't know who you were.

The Music of Preparation

“I Love The Lord”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Christmas Message

Rev. Kenneth Rogers, St. Paul Baptist Church

The Invitation to Discipleship

“Mary Did You Know”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Keith Jackson

Communion Hymn

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

**What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

**I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins which were many are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

**I shall go there to dwell in that City I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

Refrain

**Since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart!
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

The Benediction

Rev. Keith Jackson

The Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” Handel

Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Helen Inman Embry and Family send: “Pastor Jemerson and members of Second Baptist Church: We are so grateful to each of you for your kindness during the loss of my brother, Walter Inman. Thank you for the well worded Resolution and every individual card, prayer, gift and expression of concern for our family. We thank God for the life of Walter who was Faithful to the end and who brought so much joy to his family and friends. May God bless each of you.”

Thomasine Johnson sends: “Thank you for recognizing those who were members of the Contemporaries Choir. The 146th Anniversary Service was wonderful, especially the Usher’s March.”

Miller Child Development Center sends: “Thank you, I just can’t thank you enough for the 25 teddy bears.”

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WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF SECOND BAPTST CHURCH

Mrs. Ann Gamble Christian Experience

END OF YEAR GIVING

All contributions must be in the finance office or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, 2025 to be included in your 2025 contribution report or for income tax purpose.

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The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Dupree Adams**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Adams can be reached at (210) 286-0896.

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The office will close on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. and will reopen Monday, December 29, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR’S CLOSURE

The office will close on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. and will reopen Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.



Twenty-five Teddy Bears delivered to Miller Child Development Center



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