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## WORSHIP NOTES

Restrooms are located in the Foyer and in the hallway behind the sanctuary (please exit through the piano-side door).

Coffee is available in the South Portico Lobby.

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers and PreK in the nursery. An usher will be glad to lead you to the nursery area (below the Banquet Hall).

**Clergy of the Week:** Glenn & Susan Eernisse (glenn.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org or susan.eernisse@fbcgainesville.org)

**Deacon Team of the Week:** David Shumake, Katie Dubnik, Jeff Lawson, Ken Lott and Vonda Shope

If you have any safety concerns or needs this morning, please feel welcome to speak with our security officer, Ret. Lt. Nina Harkins, who usually can be found in the church foyer.

First Baptist Church is a **Stephen Ministry congregation**. Stephen Ministers are caregivers trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. If you would like to be put in touch with a Stephen Minister, please call **770-534-7354**.

Your financial support gives First Baptist Church the opportunity to share the love of Christ in Gainesville and beyond. **To give online or to set up a recurring donation, please visit [www.fbcgainesville.org/give](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/give) or scan the QR code. Apple pay is also available on the giving screen.**



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Grace discovered.  
Traditions renewed.

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*Welcome to worship! We encourage all guests to complete a Connect Card (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate by the Chapel doors. You are also invited to stop by the Guest Table (located in the Foyer) to receive further information about First Baptist Church.*

“Love All”

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**December 22, 2024 | 8:45 AM**

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December 22, 2024 at 8:45 AM**

First Baptist Church Chapel

- Gathering Song** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Glenn Eernisse, Trombone; Mark Green, Piano
- Meditation of Preparation**  
*In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,  
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,  
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase  
away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*  
-Ron & Carol Harris
- Song of Praise** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (103)*
- Advent Carol** *Love Has Come! (to the tune of Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella)*
- Advent Reflection** *Love (video from the skitguys)*  
**Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Haynes Family**  
(Harrison Haynes, Brooke, Bentley, Kennedy and Lillian Smallwood)  
**The Candle of Love**
- Congregational Response** *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love (80)*
- Welcome & Prayer** Tammy Wikholm
- Carol of Reflection** *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (136)*
- Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34** Kellie Denton  
One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.
- Words of Teaching** "Love All"  
Jeremy Shoulta
- Song of Response** *Silent Night (134)*
- Opportunities to Connect & Serve** Tony Lankford
- Prayer to Give More (Including the Lord's Prayer)** Jeremy Shoulta
- Congregational Response** The Doxology (706) (to the tune of The First Nowell)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.
- Departing Song** *The First Noel*  
Worship Band

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 29 Combined Worship Service**

**11:00 AM | Sanctuary Worship Service**  
Optional Adult Sunday School. We will not have Children's or Youth Sunday this Sunday. We will not have an 8:45 AM service on December 29.

**Wednesday Night Activities**

**January 15 | 5:00 PM**  
Mark your calendars! Wednesday night dinner, bible study, children and youth activities will return on January 15.

**Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

**January 7 | 10:00 AM | FLC Gathering Room**  
Women's Bible Study will return on January 7. We will begin a study of Esther by Kelly Minter. If you would like to join, please email Lynn Fletcher. mlfletcher27@gmail.com

**Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

**January 8 | 10:00 AM | FLC Gathering Room**  
Women's Bible Study will return on January 8. We will begin a study of Esther by Kelly Minter. If you would like to join, please email Nancy Fields. nsfields@gmail.com

**We are hiring at the FLC**

The FLC Ministry Team Member handles the day-to-day operations of the check-in desk area and facility and is led by the facility director. This position is customer service/community relations driven. The tasks that one can expect during a typical day include member and guest check in's, membership sales, area setups for rentals and reserved areas, general cleaning (all team members participate), opening and closing procedures, assisting the director with reports, marketing, and generating programming ideas. Please email your resume to our director at amanda.ramey@fbcgainesville.org.

**End of Year Giving**

Thank you for your generous giving as this year comes to a close. All gifts must be received or postmarked by 12/31/24. Please note checks sent via USPS, particularly those sent directly from the bank are sometimes taking 4+ weeks to arrive at the church. When possible, please feel encouraged to hand deliver end of year giving to the offering basket or church office. Church office hours on December 31 will be 8:30 AM-1:00 PM. Thank you!

**Give the Gift of Camp this Christmas**

**Connect Camp | July 7-11, 2025**  
Give the gift of Connect Camp this holiday season. If you would like to donate a scholarship for 2025 camp, please visit our website: [www.fbcgainesville.org/give](http://www.fbcgainesville.org/give) and in the drop down choose Connect Camp Scholarship 2025.



**MARRIAGE  
RETREAT**

Feb 7th- Feb 9th  
Omni Grove Park Inn Asheville NC

\$485.00 per couple  
Take time off from the pressures of parenting to relax and reconnect with your spouse in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina!  
Led by Bo and Gail Prosser  
Email [kellie.denton@fbcgainesville](mailto:kellie.denton@fbcgainesville) to reserve your spot

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**JANUARY 24-26**  
Orlando, Florida  
\$175 per person

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*A special thank you to Mark Green, Piano/Vocals, Susan Eernisse, Flute/Vocals; Kayanne Smith, Patton Gilbert. Glenn Eernisse, Herve Aklotsoe, Cajon, and Kent Murphey, Guitar for leading our music today.*