



# Sunday, December 10, 2023

10:40 a.m.

*Rev. Nathan Brooks, Pastor*

Prelude		Andrew Sohn
Welcome/Announcements/Lord's Prayer		Deacon Dennis Kutch
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace		Junior & Ruth Barker Ezekiel 37:26-27
Hymns	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	#244
	<i>"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"</i>	#279
	<i>"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"</i>	#259
Offering		
Gloria Patri		#812
Morning Prayer		
Special Music	<i>"Glory is a Coming"</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture		Isaiah 42:1-9
Message	<i>"Hope of All the Earth"</i>	Pastor Nathan
Closing Song	<i>"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"</i>	#251
Benediction		
Postlude		Andrew Sohn



## ***Prayer Request Cards***

If you have a request for which you would like prayer during worship, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and give it to one of the Deacons, or Pastor Nathan. They can also be placed in the offering plate. Cards are in the pew backs and on the table in the Narthex.

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***This Week @ FBC***

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| <b>Today</b>     | 9:00 a.m..... Kingdom Kids                 |
| December 10      | 9:30 p.m..... Sunday School                |
|                  | 10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship             |
|                  | 6:00 p.m..... Christmas Cantata            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group         |
| December 12      |                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study                  |
| December 13      |                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:00 p.m..... Youth White Christmas Set Up |
| December 14      |                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 a.m..... Packing White Christmas      |
| December 15      | 6:00 p.m..... Preschool Christmas Program  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9:00 a.m..... White Christmas Distribution |
| December 16      | 11:00 a.m..... Kingdom Kids at Parkview    |
|                  | 12:30 p.m..... Children's Christmas Party  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:30 a.m..... Fellowship Breakfast         |
| December 17      | 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School                |
|                  | 10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship             |
|                  | 3:30 p.m..... Christmas Caroling           |

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***Birthdays this Week***

December 11: Carolyn Sullivan  
December 12: Lois Kirchoff  
December 15: Josie Hudson

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***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

The Candlelight Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. Sunday School and Morning Worship will be held at their normal times that day.

## *Jan-May Children's program*

We are preparing for our spring Children's program. We'll meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, and we're using the Twist & Turns curriculum from Lifeway, which is game themed, and takes us through the life of Peter. We need helpers to lead games, music, and lessons, and also volunteers in the kitchen to cook dinner. We'll meet from 4-6pm. Please let Tasha Hudson know if you can help!

Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 24, April 28, May 26

## *Notes of Thanks*

I would like to thank all of those who were so thoughtful of me and were so prayerful during my surgery. May God bless you always.

Donna Miller

Dear First Baptist Family,

Just wanted to wish my very special church family a great and blessed Christmas. I'm so thankful for the nice things you all do for me.

Love,

Joan Vaughn

## **A Look at Last Week**

*(On-line giving is available here: [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) or at [www.fcbloom.org](http://www.fcbloom.org))*

### **Last Week's Giving**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....    | \$8,139.50 |
| White Christmas ..... | \$60.00    |
| Blessing Box .....    | \$10.00    |
| Food Pantry .....     | \$60.00    |
| RMMO .....            | \$564.00   |

### **Year to Date Giving**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Income (undesignated giving) ..... | \$239,543.54 |
| Budget Requirements .....          | \$258,233.43 |
| Net Income vs. Budget .....        | -\$18,689.89 |

# Peace



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### ***Christmas Cantata This Evening***

The First Baptist Church Kingdom Kids and Adult Choirs will be celebrating Christmas through music this evening at 6:00 pm. The Kingdom Kids, directed by Brenda Flanagan, will be singing a number of special arrangements. The program also includes a performance by an IU music student. The Adult Choir will be presenting the cantata "Together for Christmas", under the direction of Andrew Sohn. The cantata will feature soloists as well as narrators. Following the cantata will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall with a plentiful bounty of goodies. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's birth in song and fellowship.

### ***Children's Christmas Party December 16***

The Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 16 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the CLC. There will be lunch, games, and crafts. Please RSVP text to Tasha Hudson 812-384-6983.

### ***2023 White Christmas December 14-16***

Thursday, December 14

The Middle and High School youth will be helping to set up in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Friday, December 15

We will be packing White Christmas boxes in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. There will be coffee, milk, and donuts available for volunteers.

Saturday, December 16

Distribution will take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Boy Scouts from Troop 464 will be carrying the boxes out to the cars.

### ***Christmas Caroling December 17***

We will assemble at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to divide into groups to go out and carol to our church family. We will enjoy dinner back in the Fellowship Hall when we are finished that evening.

### ***Fellowship Breakfast Next Sunday***

Due to the Christmas Cantata being scheduled for the second Sunday of December, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the CBBC has opted to host the Fellowship Breakfast on the third Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, instead.

# First Baptist Church Vision Statement

*The First Baptist Church is the body of Christ, nurturing all parts of the body within, bringing Christ to others and others to Christ.*

## Church Covenant

We, the members of First Baptist Church Bloomfield, having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, most sincerely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit:

To attend the services of FBC Bloomfield regularly for spiritual nourishment, growth, and encouragement:

To walk together and watch over one another in Christian love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in times of sickness and difficulty; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly, according to our ability, to the support of FBC Bloomfield and its various activities; to support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world;

To strive in our family lives to make Jesus Christ the center of our homes;

To cultivate a life of devotion and consecration to God;

To aid and assist prayerfully, loyally and affectionately, the ministers and others who seek to strengthen the witness of FBC Bloomfield;

To conduct ourselves in accordance with the principles of our Lord, in all our social and business relationships;

We enter into this covenant under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully asking for Divine guidance and help in this our earnest endeavor.