



Sunday, December 17, 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: Joy The Dallaire Family
Isaiah 55:12-13

Praise Singing *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #244
"O Come All Ye Faithful" The Worship Team
"Christmas Alleluia"

Offering

Gloria Patri #812

Morning Prayer

Special Music *"Joseph's Lullaby"* Braden & Tasha Hudson

Scripture Psalm 98:1-9

Message *"Desire and Joy"* Pastor Nathan

Closing Song *"Joy to the World!"* #270

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***

**Today** 8:30 a.m..... Fellowship Breakfast  
December 17 9:30 p.m..... Sunday School  
10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship  
3:30 p.m..... Christmas Caroling

**Tuesday** 9:30 a.m..... Cottage Prayer Group  
December 19

**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m..... Bible Study  
December 20

**Sunday** 9:30 a.m..... Sunday School  
December 24 10:40 a.m..... Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m..... Christmas Eve Service

**\*There will be no Bible Study on December 27 or January 3\***

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Birthdays this Week

December 17: Steve Clark & Tony Resler
December 18: Virginia Hendrix
December 20: Paul Stewart
December 22: Brandt Hudson

Anniversaries this Week

December 18: Bruce & Carla Porter
December 20: Walter & Sylvia Pischel

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***Christmas Caroling Today!***

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 this evening.

***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

Our 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.

## ***FBC Songfest Sunday, January 28***

Mark your calendars now. On Sunday, January 28 immediately after church, there will be a soup and sandwich luncheon. At around 1:00 p.m. we will go upstairs to the sanctuary and be entertained by our very own FBC Trio! Stay tuned for more details. We hope to see everyone there!

### ***Address Update for Brady Hudson***

SN Hudson, Brady L.  
USS Mustin, BEQ 835  
2407 Paul Jones Street  
Great Lakes, IL 60088-2934

### ***Holiday Closings***

The Food Pantry will be closed the week of Christmas December 26-28. They will return to business as usual on 2 January 2024.

The church office will be closed on December 26.

### **A Look at Last Week**

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

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

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$4,079.21 |
| White Christmas .....     | \$80.00    |
| Children's Ministry ..... | \$500.00   |
| Food Pantry .....         | \$150.00   |

#### **Year to Date Giving**

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Income (undesignated giving) ..... | \$243,622.75  |
| Budget Requirements .....          | \$263,503.50  |
| Net Income vs. Budget .....        | - \$19,880.75 |

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