



*The Second Sunday in Advent*

*December 6, 2009*

*10:30 a.m.*

*Entering Into Worship*

- Call to Worship and Procession. . . . . As choir enters, please be seated
- Welcome, Announcements, and +Greeting. . . . . Dr. Wayne Hager
- Chimes . . . . . Betty Holland
- Prelude. . . . . *In Dulci Jubilo* . . . . . J. S. Bach
- Call to Worship. . . . . Rev. Christopher M. Adams
  - Pastor: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you;  
let all together sing praise to the glory of God.
  - People: **Blessed be the God who brings us together,  
whose amazing wonders fill the universe.**
  - Pastor: We are greeted by a voice beyond our hearing,  
welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.
  - People: **All creation speaks to us of our Creator,  
Who calls us into this community of caring people.**
  - Pastor: Listen, people of God, for a message of peace;  
Look around you for opportunities to share good news.
  - People: **The God of peace fills us with peace.  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve in humble trust.**
- ♦Praise Hymn No. 88. . . . .*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*. . . . . MENDELSSOHN
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle of Peace. . . . . Ruth and Linwood Cash
- Congregational Response. . . . . *Emmanuel*. . . . . McGEE
  - Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.*
  - God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.*
- Opening Prayer. . . . . Rev. Phyllis Crane
- Children’s Corner . . . . . Dr. Hager

*Worship Through Our Tithes & Offering*

- +♦Offertory Hymn No. 93. . . . .*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*. . . . . CAROL
- Offertory Prayer. . . . . Linda Spurgeon, Deacon of the Week
- Offertory. . . . . *The Birthday of a King*. . . . . William Howard Neidlinger  
Tom Rose, soloist
- +♦Doxology. . . . . *Christmas Doxology*. . . . . W ZLOBIE LEZY
  - Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Glory to the three in one. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,  
As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.*
  - Children age 4 thru 1st grade are invited to Children’s Worship at this time.
  - Children should go to the vestibule to be escorted to the room in the first hall to the left.

*Pastoral Prayer*

Pastoral Prayer. . . . . Dr. Hager

*Proclamation of Good News*

- Message in Song. . . . . *Every Valley*. . . . . John Ness Beck  
Church Choir
- Message in Word. . . . . *A Voice Crying in the Wilderness*. . . . . Dr. Hager  
Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible Page #726)

***Invitation to Response and Dedication***

+♦Hymn of Response No. 98 . . . *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*. . . . . WALTHAM

*At this time you are invited to make public any decisions you have made for Christ, church membership, ministry or to simply come for prayer at the altar or with the pastor.*

+Benediction. . . . . Peggy Holland

+Postlude. . . . . *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*. . . . . Antonio Vivaldi

- Please be seated as the Chimes begin to play. + Please stand as you are able.
  - ♦ Accompanists: Drew Thomas, piano; Betty Holland, organ
- Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

***Ministry Opportunities at Christmas***

♦ By December 20, bring unwrapped new toys and gifts for children birth through 12 years of age and place them under the Christmas tree at the doors to dining room hall. These toys and gifts will be distributed to children and agencies in the community.

♦ Our church is often contacted by community families who need assistance at Christmas time to provide some gifts for children and food for a Christmas meal. If you would like to “adopt a family” please see Wayne and he will share the requests.

♦ You are invited to donate children’s scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves by placing them on the Children’s Ministry Mitten Tree in the Gathering Place. The items will be collected Dec. 14 and mailed to Grafitti Ministry in New York City.

***Caroling to Our Homebound Sunday, December 20***



Meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Dining room for some Homemade Soup, sandwiches and assignments. We will go out about 12:15 p.m. to visit those who can no longer come to church. This will be a blessing to everyone and you will be glad you took the time to share some holiday spirit with others.

There will be a special ***Called Church in Conference*** at the beginning of the worship service on Sunday December 13 to vote on a church endorsement of Sarah and Jackson Bowen as students at the College at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Endorsement will allow them to receive a lower tuition rate through SBC Cooperative Program funds.



**TV Cablecast  
of  
TBC Worship Service**

Each Monday at 4:30 PM on ***Raleigh Time Warner Cable*** Channel 22, you may view a recent Tabernacle worship service.

***The 2008 Living Christmas Tree will be aired on December 7 at 4:30 pm.***

Be sure to tell your friends to watch this program

***55+ Activities for December***

***Christmas Lights in Meadow***

Thursday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

The bus will leave the church for dinner and a display of the lights! Come enjoy the fellowship & the spirit of Christmas!

***Christmas Luncheon***

Thursday, December 10 at TBC at 11:30 a.m.

The Reflections Choir will present a Christmas Musical.

***Golden Years Party***

Thursday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds  
Contact Peggy Holland with any questions.

***Sign up in the Gathering Place or call the church office to make your reservation for these activities.***

## *Christmas Poinsettias*

In order to keep fresh poinsettias in place each Sunday of Advent, we have our first group of poinsettias in place for today. We will have another group in place for Dec. 13 and 20. Those who dedicated poinsettias in the first group (indicated by an \*) may pick up your poinsettia after church today. If you would like to pick up your poinsettia on Dec. 20 or at the Christmas Eve service, please choose the second set. You may dedicate your poinsettia in memory/honor of someone. The cost of a poinsettia is \$9. Order your poinsettia on the attached form or call the church office. Your payment may be placed in an envelope and put in the offering plate.

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Mr. & Mrs. S. O. Barefoot  
 Jerry Brooks  
 Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Brown\*  
 Linwood Brown, Jr.  
 Linwood Brown, Jr.  
 Mel Dillon  
 Clifton & Goldie Dupree\*  
 Bill Early\*  
 Eric Gooch  
 Evelyn Hager\*  
 Al Henderson  
 Patrick Johnson  
 Ray Kelly  
 Ray Kelly\*  
 B. T. Kornegay\*  
 Irene C. Latham\*  
 Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Luther  
 Richard Mabrey  
 Steve Mabrey  
 Beth Roman Meyer\*  
 Beth Roman Meyer  
 Mr. & Mrs. David McClain\*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nolen  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pool\*  
 Gene Proctor/Carl Proctor\*  
 Jr. & Lillian Earle Raynor\*  
 George & Hattie Raynor\*  
 Ray Smith\*  
 Warner Smith\*  
 Ray Smith  
 Bessie White\*

### **GIVEN BY:**

Stan & Ann Barefoot  
 Ann Brooks and Family  
 Bunny Brown and Family  
 Bunny Brown and Family  
 Charles & Barbara Alley  
 Charles & Barbara Webb  
 Larry and Kathy Sorrels  
 John & Martha White  
 Peggy Gooch  
 The Hagers  
 Charles & Barbara Webb  
 His family  
 Charles & Barbara Webb  
 John & Martha White  
 Bill & Brenda Measamer  
 The Roman Family  
 Hoyle & Margaret Clay  
 By his family  
 By his family  
 The Roman Family  
 The Roman family  
 John & Martha White  
 Stan & Ann Barefoot  
 The Bunny Brown family  
 Norman Proctor  
 Cindy Edwards  
 Cindy Edwards  
 His family  
 Joy Smith  
 Charles & Barbara Webb  
 John & Martha White

### **IN HONOR OF:**

Alley's 50th Anniversary\*  
 Myrtle Bowman\*  
 Fulton & Pat Brewer\*  
 Lee Burke\*  
 Barbara Chason  
 The Church Staff  
 William Coley  
 Lucy Collier  
 Lucy Collier  
 Peggy Holland  
 Margie Kelly  
 Margie Kelly\*  
 Lydia Kornegay\*  
 O. D. Morris  
 Lucille Perry\*  
 Charlie Raynor\*  
 Larry Sorrels  
 Willie Thorpe  
 To the Glory of God\*

### **GIVEN BY:**

Ann Brooks  
 John & Martha White  
 John & Martha White  
 Ann Brooks  
 Dot Mabrey  
 Faye & Jim Coleman  
 Amanda & Caroline Warren  
 Whit Collier  
 Dan & Beth Cone  
 Louise Jackson  
 Amanda & Caroline Warren  
 John & Martha White  
 Bill & Brenda Measamer  
 Peggy Gooch  
 John & Martha White  
 Bill & Brenda Measamer  
 Generations SS Class  
 Louise Jackson  
 Richard Robson



*\*indicates first group of poinsettias*



***The 25th Annual Presentation of the Living Christmas Tree***  
**December 11, 7 p.m.                      December 12 & 13, 5 p.m.**

**Tickets (free) are required for the Living Christmas Tree.** Distribution of the tickets is during Sunday School in the classes and before & after Worship in the Gathering Place. Tickets are also available on Wednesday evenings and weekdays in the church office.

***Gloria Deo: A Service of Lessons and Carols* is the title of the music this year.** The traditional "Festival of Lessons and Carols" was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. Our children, in international costumes, will be presenting a brief musical prior to the tree portion of the service entitled **Christmas Around the World**

***Advent at Tabernacle***

**2nd Sunday in Advent—December 6**

10:30 a.m. The Candle of Peace will be lighted

4:00 p.m. Living Room Christmas Carols for Solo Piano by Valerie Wood

**3rd Sunday in Advent—December 13**

10:30 a.m. The Candle of Joy will be lighted

**4th Sunday in Advent—December 20**

10:30 a.m. The Candle of Love will be lighted

**Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24**

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service



**THE GARDEN SPOT:** Poinsettias have enjoyed popularity for decades as a living symbol of Christmas, but they do not have their roots in Scripture or the Holy Land. The Poinsettia, often referred to as the "Christmas Plant," was brought to America from native Mexico in 1825 by the U.S. ambassador, Joel Robert Poinsett, hence its name. He was a southern plantation owner and botanist from Greenville, South Carolina and was struck by the beauty of the beautiful red plant. The botanical name is German, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, but its accepted name is poinsettia in English speaking countries. It is ranked the number one potted plant sold in America.



The Gardens and Memorials Committee thanks you for your support.



**International Mission Offering**  
**Lottie Moon and Global Mission Offering**

North Carolina Baptist will be able to give to two mission offerings in December. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help to support about 5,000 Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board missionaries overseas. The Global Missions Offering will help underwrite ministries of about 200 plus Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries. Our churchwide combined offering goal is \$2,500. Envelopes for this offering are in your individual envelope packet or use a regular offering envelope and write on it your designated offering.

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The mission of Tabernacle Baptist Church,  
under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- proclaim the Good News
- nurture Christian growth
- minister to others in Jesus' name

Prayer concerns have been removed out of concern for privacy in this web edition but are available in the church office or in the printed version of the bulletin available at the church.



A complete listing of homebound (those in care facilities and at home) of our church family is available in the church office

### ***Opportunities for Blessing***

#### **Sunday, December 6, 2009**

#### **Second Sunday in Advent—Candle of Peace**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. Living Room Christmas Carols for  
Solo Piano by Valerie Wood

#### **Monday, December 7, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. TLC for Preschoolers  
10:30 a.m. Reflections Choir (TBC)  
4:30 p.m. Cablecast of TBC Worship Service  
(Raleigh Time Warner Cable  
Channel 22— 2008 Living Christmas  
Tree)  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox) (DR)  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Metcalf) (A20-21)  
6:30 p.m. Brownie Troop (Hicks) (A19)

#### **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

- No Supper or Regular Activities  
6:00 p.m. Children's Play Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Gardens and Memorials Committee  
7:30 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, December 10, 2009**

- 9:30 a.m. Linen Closet  
11:30 a.m. 55+ Christmas Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Dress Rehearsal

#### **Friday, December 11, 2009**

- 6:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Choir Warm-Up  
7:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree

#### **Saturday, December 12, 2009**

- 4:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Choir Warm-Up  
5:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree

#### **Sunday, December 13, 2009**

#### **Third Sunday in Advent - Candle of Joy**

- 8:30 a.m. WPTF (680 AM) Radio Ministry  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Choir Warm-Up  
5:00 p.m. Living Christmas Tree  
6:15 p.m. Living Christmas Tree Party

**Remember the Candlelight Communion Christmas  
Eve Service on Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.**

# Information and Sign-ups



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to order a poinsettia for the church during the holiday season. The cost is \$9. (see related article in bulletin). Reserve my poinsettia for the: \_\_\_\_\_ second group in place on Dec. 13

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please place donation in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or deliver to the church office.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to volunteer to help answer the phone in the church office any afternoon during the week as people call for Living Christmas Tree tickets.

3. I would like more information about:  
\_\_\_\_\_ helping with the taping of the worship services.  
\_\_\_\_\_ delivering DVDs to homebound.

4. I/We would like to sign up for these 55+ Activities:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Lunch on December 10  
\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Years Party December 17

5. \_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to sponsor a community family for Christmas.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan on participating in the Caroling to the Homebound on Sunday, December 20 following the worship service.

## Welcome to Tabernacle

December 6, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a church member, where*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st 2nd 3rd time guest

\_\_\_\_\_ regular attendee

Please circle (ages): 0-5 6-10 11-17  
18-29 30-49 50-64 65 +

Family members & ages: Attended with you?

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ yes no

Children \_\_\_\_\_ yes no

\_\_\_\_\_ yes no

\_\_\_\_\_ yes no

\_\_\_\_\_ yes no

### *I would like to:*

\_\_\_\_\_ know more about becoming a Christian.

\_\_\_\_\_ share that I've recently received Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ be baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ join the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ have someone/pastor to contact me.

\_\_\_\_\_ receive the newsletter.

**(Please tear off & place in the offering plate.)**