

Carol 95	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>
The Christmas Tree	Patrick Elliott
Carol	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>
<b>O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree, Thy leaves are so unchanging. Not only green in summer's heat, But also winter's snow and sleet.</b>	
<b>O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree, How richly God has decked thee. Thou bidst us true and faithful be, And trust in God unchangingly.</b>	
The Christmas Poinsettia	Tommy Morgan
Worship in Song	Julia Howard, Susan Cooper
The Paraments and Advent Colors	Andrew Shull
Carol 76	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
The Advent Candles	Andrew Shull
Carol 85	<i>The First Nowell</i>
The Nativity	Carol Anne & Alexis Talanges
Carol 103	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
	Alexis Talanges, soloist
The Gifts of Christmas	Mike Elliott
Worship in Song	John, Julie & Aubrey Carroll
	<i>Your Presence for Christmas</i>
The Bells of Christmas	John Carroll
Carol 98	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>
Christmas Caroling	Perry McAbee
Carol 100	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
The Christ of Christmas	Andrew Shull
Carol 87	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord is Come</i>
Closing Prayer	
The Blessing	
Postlude	

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# *We Gather for Worship*

**First Baptist Church**

**Woodruff, South Carolina**

**The Lord's Day**

**November 26, 2023**

**Ten O'Clock**

*Broadcast Live on YouTube and Woodruff Radio 101.7 FM 1510 AM*

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Prelude

Welcome Lisa Abercrombie

Gathering (08 Baptist Hymnal 579) *He Has Made Me Glad*  
**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.  
 I will enter His courts with praise.  
 I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has Made!"  
 I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
 He has made me glad; He has made me glad.  
 I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

Worship in Song John Carroll  
*My Tribute*

Scripture Reading, Music Meditation and Pastoral Prayer  
 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Colossians 3:17

Songs of Gratitude  
*There Is a Redeemer* (08 Baptist Hymnal 279)  
**There is a Redeemer - Jesus, God's own Son;  
 Precious Lamb of God - Messiah, Holy One!**  
**Thank You, O my Father - For giving us Your Son;  
 And leaving us Your Spirit - 'Til the work on earth is done.**  
**Jesus, my Redeemer - Name above all names;  
 Precious Lamb of God - Messiah, O for sinners slain!**  
**When I stand in glory - I will see His face;  
 And there I'll serve - My King forever - In that holy place!**

*Thank You Lord*

**I come before You today - And there's just one thing that I want to say –  
 Thank You Lord! Thank You Lord, for all You've given to me!  
 For all the blessings I cannot see - Thank You Lord! - Thank You Lord!**

**With a grateful heart; With a song of praise;  
 With an outstretched arm; I will bless Your name!**

**Thank You Lord! I just want to thank You Lord!**  
**Thank You Lord! I just want to thank You Lord! Thank You Lord!**  
**For all You've done in my life - You took my darkness and gave me Your light!**  
**Thank You Lord! Thank You Lord!**  
**You took my sin and my shame - You took my sickness and healed all my pain!**  
**Thank You Lord! Thank You Lord!**

Stewardship Prayer

John Carroll

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 636 v. 1

*We Gather Together*

Hymn 253

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Children's Moment and Children's Worship

(After we sing the Doxology, children are invited to join our pastor at the front.  
And after the Children's Moment, children (age 4 – grade 2) are invited  
to go with our children's worship leaders to Children's Worship.)

Children's Moment

Song of Thanksgiving (08 Baptist Hymnal 575) *My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness*

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light;  
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take.  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.**

Message

Andrew Shull

**SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF GRATITUDE**

Our words reflect and reveal our \_\_\_\_\_.

**"For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart."  
Matthew 12:34**

Our words impact \_\_\_\_\_ now and in eternity.

**"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account  
on the day of judgment for every empty word they have  
spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by  
your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:36-37**

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the language of gratitude.

**"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ  
Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

The language of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts.

**"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him  
as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking  
became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."**

**Romans 1:21**

The language of gratitude is \_\_\_\_\_ from what the world speaks.

**"Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse  
joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving."**

**Ephesians 5:4**

The language of gratitude helps us put our \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every  
situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6**

The language of gratitude helps \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts with God's heart.

**"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,  
intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people."**

**1 Timothy 2:1**

The language of gratitude helps us see how God is at \_\_\_\_\_ and how  
we can join Him in what He is doing.

**"I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart; I will  
tell of all Your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1**

Time of Commitment (Hymn 317)

*Only Trust Him*

Benediction

Postlude

## *Hanging of the Greens*

Six O'Clock

**"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

**Luke 2:14**

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Ed Mobley

The Meaning of the Service

Andrew Shull

Carol 102

*The Birthday of a King*

Christmas in America

Lisa Abercrombie

Lessons in Christmas

Nick Fortner

Carol 88

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

The Sanctuary Evergreens

Tammy Smith

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube  
6:00 pm Worship Service – Hanging of the Greens

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

11:00 am Ladies' Bible Study – Builders' Room

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 pm Family "M" Night  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:00 pm Ladies' Candlelight Christmas

## WELCOME!

We are glad you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. If you are new here, please fill out a card from the pew rack & place it in the offering plate or give it to our pastor.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Tonight, November 26 \* 6:00 pm \* *Preparing our hearts & church home for Christmas!***

Join us for this unique, informal, and active worship service. Children, youth, adults and families will be given decorating tasks as we sing the carols of Christmas and decorate the sanctuary. Come and share in this time with your church family.

## FAMILY "M" NIGHT \* WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29\* 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for a fun family evening of activities. We will enjoy soup and sandwiches for supper, share what our kids have learned, have crafts and activities and Santa will be joining us for pictures. Items will be sold to help raise support for the 2024 Alaskan Mission Trip. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

## "GATHER THE FAMILY" FELLOWSHIP

**Next Sunday, December 3 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

This service will be designed especially for children (of all ages). We will gather on quilts (and chairs) in the fellowship hall. The service will include brief video clips from some classic Christmas cartoons (Charlie Brown, Grinch, Rudolf, Veggie Tales) with brief reflections directed toward our children.

## THE CHOSEN CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

**Sunday, December 10 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

*The Shepherd* tells the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of a shepherd whose life of suffering and rejection changes when he and his fellow shepherds receive a miraculous revelation. *The Messengers* takes place many years after the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene visits Jesus' mother Mary in a secure location. Mary Magdalene records the song Mary sang before Jesus was born so that it can be included in Luke's gospel. Join with us as we share this experience together as a family of faith.

## SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS GATHERING!

**Tuesday, December 12 \* 11:30 am**

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch (Ham, green beans, mac & cheese, sweet potato casserole, rolls & desserts) catered by Midway, a time of fellowship & Christmas games. You must sign up in the office by Friday, Dec. 1 to attend. (Donations accepted.)

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Help us decorate during the Christmas Season by giving (any amount) to help purchase poinsettias *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a loved one. Forms are available in the church office. **TODAY** is the deadline.

## CHRISTMAS PICTURES

During the morning worship service on Dec. 17. We would love to feature pictures of your family celebrating Christmas (distant or recent past) as the choir leads in worship. Please email them to the church office ([office@fbcwsc.org](mailto:office@fbcwsc.org)) or bring them by and we can scan them and give them back to you.

## CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Bring your Christmas Cards during December for people in our fellowship to the Post Boxes. Money saved on postage (donations) will go toward our youth ministry.

## YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you know of a college student, young adult or seasoned adult that is a follower of Christ who loves young people, please share this opportunity with them.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS:

Greeters: S Smith, S Vincent Outside Ushers: Scott G, Levi G, Cory F  
Nursery: B & C Fortner Children's Worship: C A Talanges, B Orias

## THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

*God's Greatest Gift \* Our Greatest Choice*

**Sunday Morning, December 17 \* 10:00 am \* Presented by the Sanctuary Choir**

Traditional carols, inspirational ballads and joyous gospel songs breathe life into our celebration. Every person who took part in the wondrous Christmas event was faced with choices. May we choose to worship, honor, and serve this Savior who is Christ the Lord!

## SEASON OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

***Go Tell the Story of Jesus! Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$3,500.00***

Lostness around the world is growing every day. In fact, 59% of the world's population remains unreached. This means there are less than 2% evangelical Christians within their people group or nearby. Unless something changes, they have little opportunity to hearing the gospel in their lifetime. Your missionaries are a steadfast presence among the lost. Together we are committed to reaching the lost. In obedience, we will follow the Lord's command to go into all the world.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COVERED DISH AND NIGHT OF PRAYER

**Sunday Evening, December 17 \* 6:00 pm**

Bring a favorite International Dish to share with your family of faith as we learn more about how God is at work in our world.

## CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING

**Wednesday, December 20 \* 5:30 pm**

Plan to go with us as we share joy through the beautiful carols of Christmas. **Please contact the church office if you would like to have a group carol outside your house.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sunday, December 24 \* 5:00 pm**

Make plans to be with us and take part in this beautiful worship service.

## JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

**The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom**

**Sunday Nights in January \* 6:00 pm**

It's not a sermon. It's THE sermon. For as long as the Bible has been studied, Matthew 5-7 has been a critical passage of Scripture for followers of Jesus. Growing disciples have turned to it for centuries so they could learn more about how to grow spiritually as His disciples. The passage has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount, and it is appreciated as a most remarkable message because of the profound depth as well as the simplicity of the life changing instruction. Let's learn together what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Whether you give through bank draft, online giving, through the mail or in person, we are very grateful for your gifts to the Lord's church. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless & multiply each gift for His service. **Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.**

## UPWARD SOCCER

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families. Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) Each player will receive a reversible jersey with a pair of socks, practice cards, a soccer ball, a poster for award stars and an end of season metal. We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades; 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5 grades with 8 players per team. Evaluations are scheduled February 17 & 20. Practice is scheduled to begin March 4 with first game on Saturday, March 16. No games will be scheduled on the Saturdays before and after Easter. The last day of the season will be May 11. **We will need 12 coaches.** Applications for coaches are available on our church website. Experience is not required. Playbooks are provided with step by step instructions as well as helpful videos.

## OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER – THE ENCOURAGER

If you haven't been receiving a newsletter, let us know if you would like to begin receiving it through the mail. We can also send you an email to notify you when the newsletter is posted to our church web site.

## REMIND

Sign up for *Remind* to receive time sensitive (deaths, schedule changes, etc.) texts or emails. Text the message "@wfbcl787" to 81010 or email us to sign up.

## KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM

Blankets and Space Heaters are being collected for the Woodruff community at Scurry's On Main Barber Shop – 117 S. Main Street.