



Third Sunday of Advent: What do you fear?
Insisting on Hope this Advent.

Musical Prelude.....Thea Carter

Choral Call to WorshipSanctuary Choir
Rise Up Shepherd, Go Tell It!

Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."
Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"
Mary said, "How can this be?"
We often say, "But God, I am afraid."
Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.
So may we trust the Inviter.
May we heed God's invitation.
May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.
Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

Opening Prayer.....Carolyn Greenwood

Welcome to Worshippers.....Rev. Kyle Hodge
Congregational Song Hymn No. 102 – *Joy to the World!*

Children's Sermon.....Amy Kluemper

Advent Reading and Candle lighting – Joy

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?
We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards. We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us.
Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Joy is real. We only have to look for it.
Thanks be to God for the goodness of joy! Amen

Choral Worship.....Sanctuary Choir
Noel

Congregational Hymn No. 122 – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

Pastoral Prayer.....Rev. Tina Collins
Prayer Response from the People

As we move through this world, open our ears to hear your voice.
As we move through this world, open our hearts to the invitations, the inspiration, and the nudges you place in our lives. As we move through this world, God, allow us to hear whatever call you have in store for us in this season. With hope, we lean forward, we listen for your word. Amen.

Congregational Hymn No. 104 – *Once, in Royal David's City*

Scripture Reading for Sermon.....Grayson Wright
Luke 1:26-40
(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.)

Sermon.....Hannah Hodge
Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward

Time of Response – Hymn No. 139 – *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Benediction.....Rev. Tina Collins

Postlude.....Thea Carter



Ball Camp

BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcements

Sunday • December 14th 2025

Weekly

WEDNESDAY, December 17th

Dinner @ 5:00 pm

Youth @ 6:00 pm

Children @ 6:00 pm

Advent Study @ 6:00 pm

Choir Practice @ 6:45 pm

SUNDAY, December 21st

Sunday School for all ages @ 9:45 am

Worship in the sanctuary and on
FaceBook Live @ 11:00 am

Door Greeters:

9:30 – 10:30 • Clarence & Betty Goins

10:30 – 10:55 • Joey Patterson

Service/Mission Opportunities

Please help stock the pantry for the Blessing Box. We fill the box frequently. Please check expiration dates of the food you bring.

Church-wide mission trip to Immokalee, FL, from March 9th-13th. For more details, email Pastor Lee at lee@ballcamp.org.

Important Dates

Christmas evening for all ages: December 14th @ 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, with a cookie sharing time and a White Elephant game in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share. If you can't bake, you're still welcome to join and enjoy the treats. White Elephant: wrap a gift no more than \$10 (or a regift). Gifts should be appropriate for all ages.

Announcements

Sunday, December 28th following worship service, there will be a Special Called Business Meeting to approve our 2026 church budget."

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Wednesday, December 24th @ 5:00 pm. All are warmly invited to our candlelight service.

We're extending our Wednesday night dinner invitation to the community. Please feel free to share with neighbors who could use a warm meal and a friendly face. For details, call us at (865) 693-1641.

Visitor Badges: A friendly reminder to wear your Visitor Badge while in the church during office hours. Badges are hanging to your left as you enter. Thank you for helping keep things welcoming and safe.

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GIVING:

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