

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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Get Involved

Worship with
Us

We're preparing for the Second Sunday of Advent in our journey *When Hope Dares...* and there are myriad ways for you to join on that journey! We'll be sharing dinner and the Hanging of the Greens this Friday night, lighting the second candle of our Advent wreath on Sunday, and watching our Elementary Class children continue to build our Nativity Scene at the start of worship this Communion Sunday. Tonight is our second annual showing of *Elf* for \$1 Movie Night sponsored by our very own FBC Fun Squad in partnership with our friends at The Cabot as well!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Communion Sunday, December 7th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our **FBC YouTube Channel**.

This Sunday, our Elementary-Age Friends will continue building our Nativity Scene during the beginning of worship for this Second Sunday in Advent!

Please remember that if you will be joining worship via livestream this week, you may want to have your own Communion elements on hand to partake in the Lord's Supper.

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Playground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet

“Hope Dares to Trust”

Preacher: Dr. Daniel Johnson,
First Baptist Church in Beverly



COMMUNION SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7, 2025
SCRIPTURES: LUKE 1:26-38 &
MATTHEW 1:18-25

Click [HERE](#) to join
Worship via Livestream
Sunday

enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.

- Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- The Youth Class meets this Sunday immediately after worship.
- Middle School & Sr. High Fellowship will both meet at their regular times this week.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, December 7th: Glowstick Games!

4:00-6:00 p.m. - Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

Our Middle School crew has been leaning into acts of service the past few weeks, spending the week before the Holiday Parade learning more about Beverly Bootstraps and the work they do from new Bootstraps director Allison Caffrey and *then* walking in the Parade itself and collecting 967 pounds of food to be donated to Bootstraps! After such good and thoughtful work, this week will be a fun and playful one for Middle School Fellowship! Youth and advisors will meet in the Youth Lounge at 4 p.m. to get ready for some fun glow-in-the-dark games to help us welcome the earlier sunsets of winter! Youth can come dressed in dark colors if they want to really get into the spirit, but this is not at all required. Friends are welcome, as always!

Sr. High Fellowship

Sunday, December 7th: Holiday Gift Shopping for Toy Donations

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

The Sr. High Fellowship youth and advisors will be gathering at the church at 6 p.m. to head out for some holiday shopping together – but it will be holiday shopping as an act of service, as the group goes shopping for gifts that will be donated to be given to children whose holidays may need a little extra cheer. Youth are encouraged to bring \$5 to contribute to the shopping effort if they are able, but this is in no way required. Youth and advisors will grab dinner during their travels, but youth may also wish to bring some extra money to grab themselves a snack or drink of their choosing, as well. The group will return to FBC in time for regular pick-up and will close the evening sharing Concerns and Celebrations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight is *Elf* \$1 Movie Night Presented by FBC's Fun Squad at The Cabot!



Grab some friends and family, put on your holiday best, and enjoy a festive night at the movies on the big screen. See the link below to secure your FBC FREE tickets!

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for Pathways for Children and enjoy a to-scale gingerbread Cabot display, plus games and raffle prizes! There will be Elf-themed beverages, a photo booth, a costume contest & games!

The movie starts at 6:30 p.m. but doors open at 6:00 p.m. to kick-off the Elftastic shenanigans!

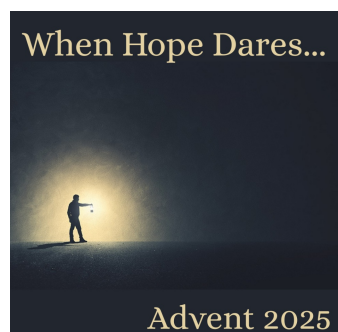
*Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets & use the code **BUDDY** designated for FBCers!*



Advent 2025 is in full swing!

Along with a new theme comes a new Weekly Devotional

One of the ways we invite you to move through this season of preparation and expectation is by using our weekly Advent home devotions. Each week from now through Epiphany, a new devotional tool will be available, courtesy of Advent Planning Group member Scott Sutera and his wife Jess! Print copies will also be available each week at the rear of the sanctuary. Help yourself if you prefer a hard copy!



Poinsettias On Sale Now for Christmas Eve!

Orders Due to Pat by Sunday, 12/14




TIME TO ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

FBC Beverly will continue the tradition of adorning the sanctuary on Christmas Sunday with poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones.

The price per poinsettia this year is \$10.00 and we ask that you please place all orders with Pat either by emailing her at phaight@fbcbeverly.org or by stopping in the church office by Sunday, December 14th.

The poinsettias that you order will be available for you to take following the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service or you can designate it to be delivered to someone in our church family or community who has been unable to attend worship in person this Advent season.

We're excited to continue this special tradition honoring and celebrating important people in our lives. Email Pat to order your Poinsettia(s) now!





THIS Friday is Hanging of the Greens!

Join us on Friday, December 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for Hanging of the Greens! We'll begin with dinner, then work together to beautify the Sanctuary for Advent. We'll close our time with festive and fun Christmas Carol Karaoke, some favorite video clips of the season, and an interactive story for all ages! **Please RSVP by Thursday, December 4, at the link below so we can plan our count for dinner.** We can't wait to continue on with this fun tradition!

Count me IN for food, caroling, & green-hanging good times!

Power Of Us Introductory Meeting (& Potluck!) this Sunday, December 7th!

A Power of Us Introductory Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 7th following worship in the Chapel. It is a potluck lunch, so please bring something to eat or drink.

Power of Us is about acting for the good of society from the inside of ourselves to the outside world. This introductory meeting will help us experience what a Power of Us meeting would be like.

See Doris-Ann or contact her at dorisannvosseler@gmail.com or 978-210-1047 for more information. *Thank you!*

the power of us





Friday, 12/19, at 5:30 p.m. at
the Johnson residence,
24 Lothrop Street

Join us for our FBC Christmas Potluck & Yankee Swap Party!

Bring your favorite dish and a wrapped gift.



Save-the-Date for Friday, 1/9 as Women's Fellowship goes Clay Dreaming Together in the New Year!

Warm up your winter with Women's Fellowship! Join us on Friday, January 9th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Clay Dreaming, 186 Cabot Street, Beverly for a fun night of painting and creativity! We have booked the entire studio for the evening, so please do consider joining us for this relaxed and low-pressure creative adventure. We will provide cheese and crackers, chips and dips, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. All you need to do is bring yourself in some casual clothes and choose a piece of pottery you would like to paint!

The Church will cover the studio fee of \$10 per person. Pottery projects are approximately \$35 each, with some costing less. Anyone who needs assistance paying for their project can receive assistance from the Church. Others pay at Clay Dreaming on the night of the event.

Please RSVP to the Church Office at phaight@fbcbeverly.org by Sunday, January 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Few Photos from FBC last Sunday...



Above features FBC's Advent Worship Planning Committee Lighting the First Candle of the Advent Wreath.

From left - Lauren Costa, Scott Sutera, Amy McCay, and Emily Feldman.



The Littlest Learners started building our Nativity Scene last week!

FBC Fellowshipers In Action: Middle School gathering 967+ pounds of food in the Beverly Holiday Parade & Sr. High Fellowship Enjoying a Game Night In!

WAY TO GO FBC'S MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP GROUP!



Sr. High Enjoyed A Game Night



Looking ahead at FBC Beverly this
bustling season...



Lectio Divina
continues this
Friday with Daniel &
Friends at 3 pm.

Join us at our new
winter season time
in the Church
Lounge!



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GREENS!

**Save Friday,
December 5!**

5:00-8:00 P.M. FOR FBC'S
"HANGING OF THE GREENS,"
FRIENDS!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 12/7/25
AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...

YOUTH CLASS



Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to
stay immediately after worship!

Word Searchers

Join the Word Searchers in the Conference Room at 11:30 this Sunday. This week we will dig a little more into the sermon that Paul preached to the curious congregation he encountered in ancient Athens. Then we will push into Acts chapter 18 to follow his continuing journey through the cities of Corinth and Ephesus where (what else is new?) he finds himself in a little trouble.

FBC PICKLEBALL

Monday at
7:00 p.m. in
the Gym!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Join us on Friday, December 12th
for our **Parents' Night Out (PNO)**
at the First Baptist Church in
Beverly from 6:00-8:30 p.m.!

This month boasts extra festive
fun as FBC is part of the
Downtown Holiday Stroll! You
won't want your youth to miss it!

FREE



Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

PLEASE REACH OUT TO PAT
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT:
PHAIGHT@FBCBEVERLY.ORG
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER BY
SUNDAY, 12/14. THE COST IS
\$10 PER POINSETTIA.

CAROL
SINGING &
SHARING OF
HOLIDAY
TRADITIONS!



Christmas Party Luncheon!
Monday, December 15th at
11:30 a.m.!

WIT & WISDOM

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Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.'

— Luke 1:29-31

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PENCIL IN FBC

December

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Wednesday

\$1 Community Movie Night Showing of *Elf* at Off Cabot

Don't miss our second annual community movie night sponsored by our very own FBC Fun Squad!

December

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Friday

Hanging of the Greens

Help hang greenery around the church as we carol right along and share in this festive annual tradition together! We'll decorate the Sanctuary from 5:00-8:00 p.m. as we prepare FBC (and our hearts!) for the rest of Advent and the upcoming Christmas season.

Youth Class Meets!

December

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Sunday

For those in grades 5-12, stay after worship for Youth Class! This Sunday School class meets in the Youth Lounge right after worship for an hour and explores questions about faith, the church, and how we put it all together in our lives!

Power of Us Potluck & Informational Meeting

Join us in the Chapel post-Worship to learn more about the Power of Us and how you can make a difference.

Allergen-friendly food and drink are welcomed to share.

December

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Friday

Parents' Night Out

Children and youth (through Middle School age) are welcome for this free monthly program offered from 6:00-8:30 p.m. While the young people are being fed and cared for by FBC's team of dedicated PNO volunteers, their parents and caregivers might choose to stroll, eat, and shop along Cabot Street, enjoying that evening's Winter Stroll sponsored by Beverly Main Streets.

December

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Sunday

Music Sunday at FBC!

Mark those calendars joyfully and get ready for sounds of the season presented by Esther and her incredible choirs, soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists!

December

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom's Christmas Party Luncheon

Retiree Crew: Save-the-Date for lunch alongside caroling and sharing of holiday traditions kicking off at 11:30 a.m.!

December

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Friday

Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap at the home of the Johnsons!

Pencil in a festive Friday night kicking off at 5:30 p.m. at 24 Lothrop Street! Bring a favorite dish, a wrapped gift, and your sense of humor for plenty of laughs, games & fun!

December

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Sunday

Christmas Sunday & Jesus' Birthday Party with Sing-A-Long!

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Christmas Sunday worship followed immediately by our annual birthday party for Jesus and Sing-A-Long in Wilbur Hall. Our carols of the season will culminate with a hilarious interactive rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas!

Longest Night Service

At 7:00 p.m. all are welcome to join a brief service of music and candlelight that offers a quiet space for worship and reflection as we draw nearer to Christmas.

Christmas Eve Early Service

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for this special service planned with the enthusiasm of children in mind and featuring an unrehearsed Christmas Pageant in which everyone can choose a role and participate that evening!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us at 11:00 p.m. for this joyful service of lessons and carols.

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Christmas Day

Merry Christmas! The church office is closed as we celebrate with our loved ones.

Church Office is Closed

We're still celebrating and look forward to reconnecting on Sunday, December 28th at worship!

Service of Story and Song

Join us for this joyfilled, festive worship service at 10:00 a.m.!

Happy New Year!

Reminder that the church office will be closed for New Year's Day. Happy start to 2026!

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