

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community

It's a big Sunday at FBC as we will begin building our Nativity scene week-by-week in Worship with the help of our children and our youth! This Sunday, our Infants, Toddlers and our Littlest Learners will begin building our scene during the opening carol of the season in Worship. Children in these age groups can go to their care and classrooms as usual before Worship, and their teachers and care providers will bring them into Worship *OR* they can gather at the back of the sanctuary with their grownups as the service begins! *Advent is here, Friends!*

THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get Involved

Worship with Us

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Join us this **Sunday, December 3rd 10:00 a.m.** for Worship either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#). Reminder that it is the **First Sunday in Advent** this week as well as **Communion Sunday**, so if you are joining us via livestream, please have your elements of Communion ready.

This Sunday, our Infants, Toddlers and our Littlest Learners will begin building our Nativity Scene during the opening carol of the season during Worship!

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- Sunday School Class continues this week. The Prayground will also be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School Fellowship will meet from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as usual again this week.
- Senior High Fellowship meets from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Isaiah Dreamed Big Anyway"

First Baptist Church in Beverly
Sunday, December 3, 2023, Communion Sunday &
First Sunday in Advent



Meditation: Rev. Julie Flowers

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7 & 11:1-9

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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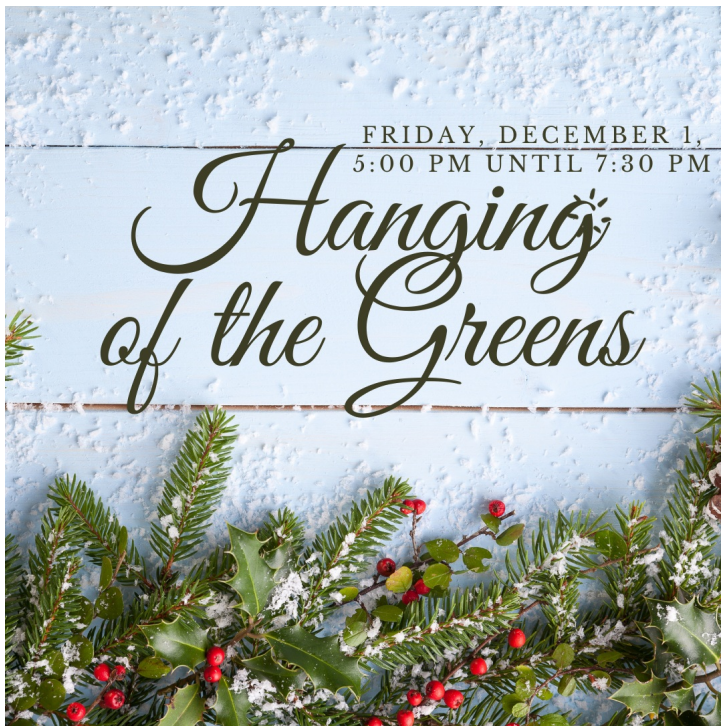
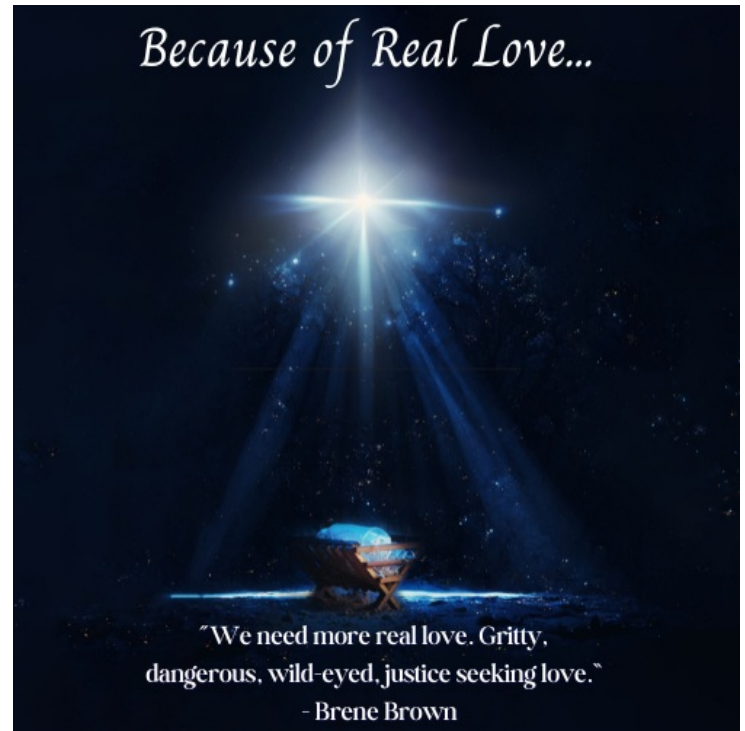
All Things Advent at FBC Officially begin this Sunday!

And our Theme for Advent this year is (Drumroll Please!):

Because of Real Love...

Thank you to our wonderful Advent Worship Planning Team which includes members Amber Belis, KC Cottrell, Jerry Karaganis, and Abby Sykes who helped plan our *heartfelt* theme this year!

The Team will be lighting the first Advent wreath candle this Sunday during Worship to officially begin the season!



Get Your RSVP in to Julie ASAP for Hanging of the Greens this Friday to join in this festive Holiday Tradition!

You won't want to miss this memory-making evening of dinner, decorating, and caroling fun for ALL ages – come get the church ready for the season AND get yourself in the spirit, too!

Email Julie to RSVP!

Now Taking Poinsettia Orders in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones

FBC Beverly will continue the tradition of honoring loved ones with poinsettias as we typically do during Advent, and ask that you please place all orders with Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org by Sunday, December 17.

The price per poinsettia this year is \$10.00 and you can sign up to have your poinsettia(s) included in the sanctuary display this month in memory or honor of a loved one. 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) for this year



Popular Band Playing at FBC on Saturday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m.: You Won't Want to Miss This Family-Friendly Show to Jumpstart your Holiday!

Get Your Tickets ASAP to an Interfaith Holiday Show at FBC Beverly on Saturday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m.!

Guster fans rejoice because our friends at Temple B'Nai Abraham are partnering with FBC Beverly to bring Adam Gardner of the band Guster to town for a special interfaith performance! Learn more about The LeeVees on [Facebook](#), or click [HERE!](#)

Show starts at 3:30 p.m. but doors open at 2:30 p.m. so you can grab the best possible pew. Tickets run \$20 in advance, \$18 for seniors and teens (ages 10-18); kids under 10 are free! Capacity is limited, so get your tickets in advance before they sell out!

Bring the family to kick off the holiday season with this fun musical celebration! Don't miss out on this chance to experience The LeeVees live! Grab your friends and get ready to have a blast.



Get Your Tickets [HERE!](#)



Tuesday, December 12th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FBC Chapel

You may still be full from Thanksgiving, but you are bound to be hungry by Tuesday, Dec. 12, in time for the next Delightful Dinner. For a special treat we will have FBCer Amber Belis as our guest chef; she will be cooking with a Dominican twist, serving roast chicken, rice and beans, and sweet plantains. There will also be dessert. The meal is free to all and will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Sign Up with Pat and share any food allergies or childcare needs [HERE!](#)

Pledge Drive for 2024 is off to a Wonderful Start!

Thanksgiving Sunday was filled with overflowing generosity as the members of the congregation came forward to submit their pledge cards, donate food for the Beverly Bootstraps food pantry and tools for the church's newly assembled workbench and Construction Crew volunteers, and children brought forward their drawings to decorate the front of the chancel. The response was a very affirming one of support for the church's mission, and the church received pledges with a commitment of almost half of last year's budget. It's especially gratifying that so many people who made a pledge increased their pledges, and so many new people made very generous first time pledges to the church. Thank you so much!

But we are still far from reaching our goal of raising the amount of money needed to sustain the church in the coming year. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please take a moment to consider how much the church means to you and the community it serves and fill out a pledge card. There are several ways to submit a pledge:

- When you attend one of the church's Sunday Advent services, pledge cards can be found in the pew racks, filled out and placed in the collection plate during the service – very easy to do.
- It's also easy to submit an *electronic pledge card online* which can be found on the church's website under the heading "Donations".
- If you didn't receive a pledge card in the mail, you can ask the church's Financial Secretary, *Pat Haight*, to send you one and then return it to the church office at 221 Cabot Street.
- If you need information about your 2023 pledge (the amount of your pledge, how much you still owe, etc), the Financial Secretary can be reached at phahaight@fbcbeverly.org and she will be happy to help you.

Investing in the Ministry of FBC Beverly for 2024 (Electronic Pledge Card)

As an affirmation of the importance of our church in these times of stress and challenge, I/We want to support its ministries as much as possible.

Email *

Valid email

This form is collecting emails. [Change settings](#)

In the space below, please state your weekly, monthly, or annual pledge amount including the total, that, after prayerful consideration, you pledge to give to First Baptist Church in Beverly in 2024. *

For Example, write '\$20/month for a total of \$240' OR '\$10/week for a total of \$520/year' OR '\$1,000 total.'

Short answer text

Please indicate below whether you wish to receive weekly pledge envelopes. *

Please send me weekly pledge envelopes.

Please DO NOT send me weekly pledge envelopes.

Please contact me about electronic giving using my email address. *

Yes, please contact me about how to give electronically this year.

No, please DO NOT contact me about how to give electronically this year.

Your Full Name *

Short answer text

Everyone's pledge is important and appreciated.
Your financial support makes all the difference!

FBC Beverly Warmly Welcomes Rev. Manuel "Manny" Faria as our Part-Time Visitation Associate Minister

WELCOME
MANNY!



It's an exciting time at FBC Beverly as Advent rapidly approaches and all the special church events and traditions we enjoy together do as well. In addition to the anticipation of the season, the FBC staff joyfully welcomes a new addition: Manny Faria. Many of you may have already met Manny in person at the Lay Visitation meeting on November 13th or in Worship on the 19th this month, but for those who have not, you are in for a treat! Manny has recently joined our staff as a temporary, part-time Visitation Associate Minister serving now through Lent- Hallelujah! What a joy for all of us as Daniel pursues his CPE courses and how grateful we are to have Manny here to help.

Manny was formerly the Rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Beverly for twenty-two years (off of neighboring Hale Street) which he retired from two years ago. With a background which includes attending inter-denominational seminary and participating as a member of the Interfaith Coalition in town, Manny has worked with many folks spanning a variety of different traditions. He's excited to work with the Lay Visitation committee in his new role and will be visiting himself as well each week, and looks forward to preaching once monthly.

Our newest team member has greatly enjoyed living in Beverly these past twenty-four years with his wife, Lou Ann, now a retired Beverly Middle School teacher. Manny and Lou Ann have two grown daughters, Mary who is an artist in Salem, and Susie who lives in Washington working for the National Episcopal Church. *So what made Manny come out of retirement to join us?* He really likes FBC and thinks we do good things here! He's also looking forward to working outside of his own tradition and has a boatload of experience doing similar work.

So why Visitation for Manny? He feels that this area of the church is a fundamental part of who we are as followers of Jesus. "Jesus said to visit the sick and lonely, so it's important to bring church to people who no longer can get to church," said Rev. Faria. What a wonderful sentiment and reminder to us all.

As you open your hearts to welcome Manny, a fun fact to know about him is that his first love is travel and he recently went to Scotland with Lou Ann for a few weeks this past September. Scotland is one of his favorite countries! Additionally, he's looking forward to planning their trip to Portugal next year and is also a big history buff and avid reader. Although he's a big traveler and frequents his vacation condo in MA that borders NY, he has to account for his furry friends at home including cat Ginny, mastiff mix J.D., Lily the Boston Terrier/Frenchie mix & their doggy daytime tenant Rupert (who they look after while their daughter is at work.) What a full house and full life Manny has, that is for sure!

The best way to reach our newest team member is via email at revfaria@gmail.com or directly on his cell phone at 978-578-1179. Please join me in officially welcoming Manny aboard at FBC!

Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

Lectio Divina
continues Friday
with Daniel at 5 pm

THERE WILL BE NO LECTIO THIS WEEK. JOIN US FOR "HANGING OF THE GREENS!"

Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible class will meet in the Conference Room at 11:30 this Sunday for the first week of our special Advent study. Throughout the four weeks of Advent we will be considering a book called *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, by Will Willimon. Each class will begin with a short video presentation by Rev. Willimon, followed by a focused discussion of the unique perspective he offers on some traditional Advent texts. Join us this week as we consider the "Meanwhile" times that Jesus suggested his followers would have to endure in Mark 13:24-37.



Register for the Reindeer Run in Beverly this Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.!

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² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. —Isaiah 9:2-3

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PENCIL IN FBC

December

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Friday

Hanging Of The Greens

Save-the-date for a festive FBC tradition where we usher in the Advent Season with dinner, church decorating, caroling, and TONS of fun! We'll gather together and start this holly jolly night from 5:00-7:30 p.m. or so. Please mark your calendars and [RSVP to Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) to show interest so we can get the food count just right.

December

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Sunday

Start of Advent & Communion Sunday

Just a note that this is the first official Sunday in Advent as well as Communion Sunday. *If joining us over Livestream, please bring your own Elements of Communion for Worship at 10:00 a.m.*

December

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Tuesday

TOT

Theology On Tap will meet at Post in Hamilton at 8:00 p.m. to share in lively Biblical discussion in this casual, cozy setting. Friendly Reminder: Friends are always welcome as well!

December

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Friday

PNO

December's Parents' Night Out will run from the usual time of 6:00-8:30 p.m. and all are invited in the community to bring their youth and to utilize the time to themselves accordingly! This fun and free event is open to everyone!

December

8-9

Friday-Saturday

Beverly's Main Streets' "Downtown Winter Market"

Support local Beverly and enjoy TWO evenings of downtown strolling, local shopping, and entertainment! Festivities will occur on Cabot St on Friday, 12/8/23 and on Rantoul St on Saturday, 12/9/23 with events running from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Local businesses will be open for shopping and special activations, and pop-up artist markets as well. Participating businesses and venues will have luminaries displayed outside their doors. Find musical performances and special guests throughout both nights.

December

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Saturday

Save-the-Date: Interfaith Concert performed by The LeeVeas at FBC

We're hosting a really cool interfaith concert at FBC with a Hanukkah rock band called The *LeeVeas*. Adam Gardner of the band *Guster* is one of the lead singers for The LeeVeas, who will be featured on NPR's "tiny desk concerts" on December 7th. We're hoping to pack the pews, so be sure to get your tickets and join in the fun! Purchase tickets available now [HERE!](#)

December

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Tuesday

Delightful Dinner is on the Books

Ask and you shall receive: another FBC Delightful Dinner is booked! Amber Belis will be our special guest chef cooking us Dominican-inspired delights! Dinner will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Chapel and is free for all (there will be a collection basket if you so choose though) and most importantly, please *RSVP to Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org* with any food allergies/childcare needs by Friday, December 8th so Amber can prep accordingly!

December

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Sunday

Music Sunday AND Jesus' Birthday Party back-to-back for a true Sunday Funday!

It's a busy time of year, yet we've found a way to double the fun at FBC! On Sunday the 17th join us for Music Sunday followed by Jesus' Birthday Party in the gym. Come for the music, stay for the cake and celebration of our King!

December

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Thursday

Longest Night Service at FBC

Join us from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for this reflective service on the longest night of the year as we continue onward in our Advent journey. An uplifting service of music and prayer.

December

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Sunday

Christmas Eve Services this year

We will be holding our usual Christmas Eve services at 5:00 p.m. (geared toward youth which includes our very fun Christmas Pageant!) as well as our Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m. These services are in addition to our regular 10:00 a.m. service offered in person or via livestream.

December

25&26

Monday & Tuesday

Merry Christmas!

The church office will be closed on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th in honor of the Christmas holiday. We'll look forward to reconnecting on Wednesday, the 27th!

January

1&2

Monday & Tuesday

Happy New Year!

As we ring in 2024, the church office will be closed on Monday the 1st and January the 2nd. We look forward to catching up on Wednesday, January 3rd!

January

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Theology On Tap

We're back at Post starting at 8:00 p.m. for this informal and fun FBC fellowship

Tuesday

group- join us for the first time in 2024!

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