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The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Holiday Edition

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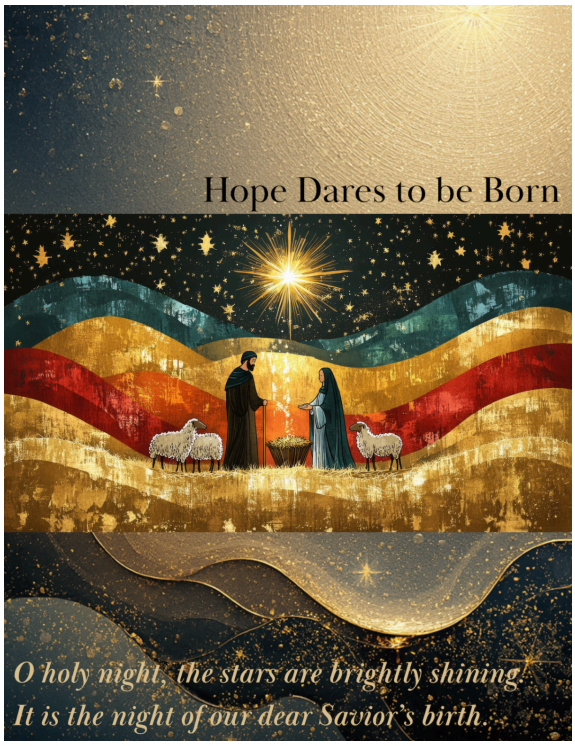
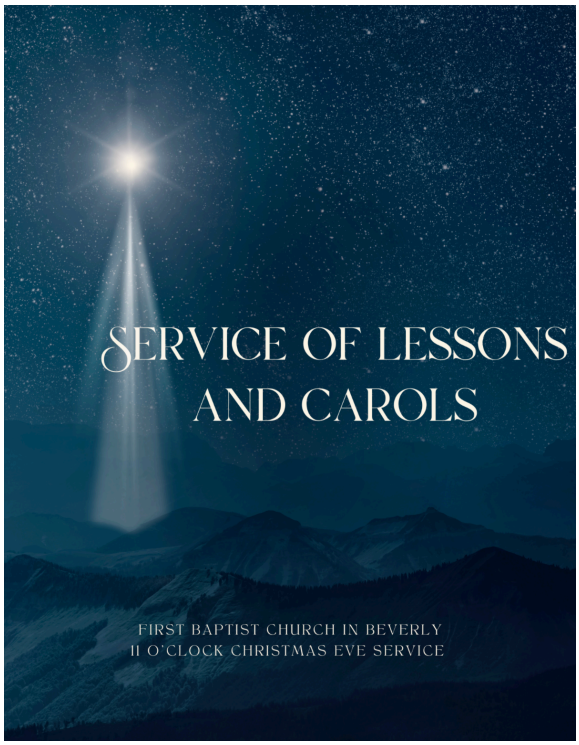
Worship with Us

This is a special Holiday Edition *Bulletin*, so while you won't find as much content as some usual weeks, it *will* tell you all you need to know about our special Christmas Eve services and the week ahead! Read on for all the joyful news, and make your plans to come and spend some of Christmas Eve with us! We've got two services happening – one at 5 p.m. and one at 11 p.m., and both are beautiful, unique, and a wonderful way to welcome Christmas and celebrate good news of great joy for all of God's people! We hope to see you there!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our one or both of our Christmas Eve Services **Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m.**, either in person or via our FBC YouTube Channel.





Click HERE to join the 5 o'clock Service via Livestream

Click HERE to join the 11 o'clock service via livestream

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of the special traditions at the Early Service on Christmas Eve is an unrehearsed Christmas pageant for all ages that is open to *everyone* who would like to choose a role and take part in the telling of the story of that first Christmas Eve! Children and adults alike are invited to choose a part and jump into the pageant as it unfolds at the start of our Early Service. You can choose your part ahead of time and come to the service already in costume, or you can choose your role upon arriving at the church, and then use materials and costume elements provided at the rear of the sanctuary to get ready.

In order to help you start pondering and planning your role, here are the parts we will need people to jump in and play in the unrehearsed pageant. *All* of these roles are those for which we will have props and costume elements ready for you to use that evening, but should you want to come already in costume, we've included a few suggestions of what you might have around your house that would work well for the part (although you can be as creative as you wish – these are suggestions to help get your thinking started, if useful)!

Donkeys, Cows, Chickens, Pigs, and Other Assorted Stable Animals: clothing in the color that suggests the animal of your choice (gray for a donkey, for example, or brown for a cow) can work well for these stable animal roles; headbands with animal ears are also an easy way to costume for these choices, as are costumes from other events (Halloween, for example) where a child may already have dressed as a stable/farm animal – feel free to use/wear such costumes on Christmas Eve!

Angels: white dresses or shirts work well for angel costumes; garland makes an easy halo, or gold pipe cleaners wrapped around a headband can also work well to create a halo.

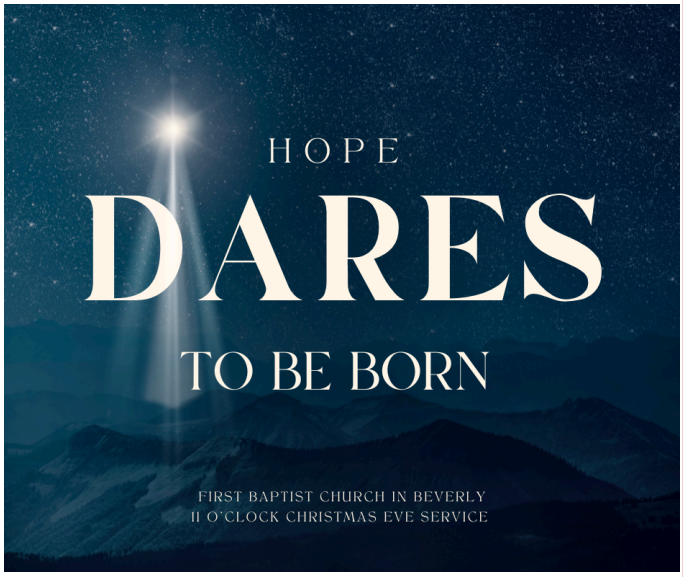
Shepherds and Sheep: children often have good luck using bathrobes in solid colors as shepherd costume elements; another option for a shepherd tunic is to take a large piece of fabric, fold it in half, cut a hole in the center of the folded edge to create a neck in the top, and then place over the head, tying with a rope or piece of fabric under the arms; for sheep, white clothing works well to suggest this role; a headband with sheep ears can be another easy way to create this costume.

Stars: wearing colors like yellow or gold or sparkly fabrics can help suggest a star.

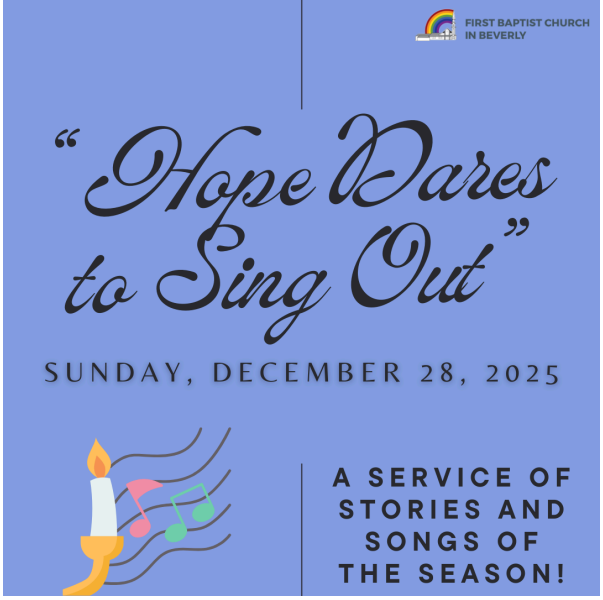
Magi, Camels, and Elephants: sparkly or fancy attire can work well for suggesting the role of the Magi, as well as wearing a crown on the head or adding a fancy cape to an outfit; wrapped gift boxes also make a good prop for the Magi to carry; for camels and elephants, coloring in the color that suggests the animal of choice can work well (brown for camels, gray for elephants); you can also make or use a headband with the ears for the animal of choice.

We can't wait to continue this FBC Beverly tradition tomorrow and hope you are brainstorming your costume and getting excited in the meantime!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in one week! Join us on Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 at 11:00 p.m.



Our 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols is a beautiful and beloved First Baptist tradition – an opportunity to worship together, to sing together, to hear the Christmas story anew, and then to welcome Christmas Day together, singing *Silent Night* and then *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* as the service concludes and Christmas Day dawns. This service also finds us welcoming back some of our Youth Fellowship alums as our Advent Wreath lighters and ushers! Come and join us in welcoming the Christ Child – and Christmas Day! – together!



Join us on Sunday, December 28th for our *Service of Story & Song!*

There will be stories of the season shared and lots of favorite carols to sing together.

Please note that there is no Elementary Class or childcare rooms during this service. However, this is an interactive and joyful service for all ages, so we hope all our friends will join us together in worship!

Middle School Fellowship & Senior High Fellowships will not meet this week but look forward to reconvening in 2026!

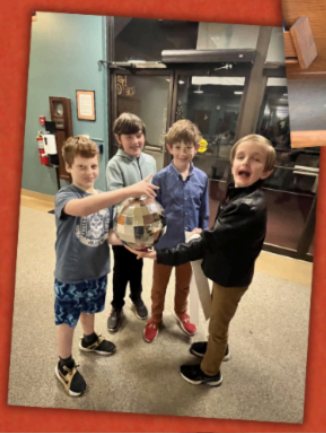
Don't Forget to *RSVP* for the Women's Fellowship Event on January 9th!

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!

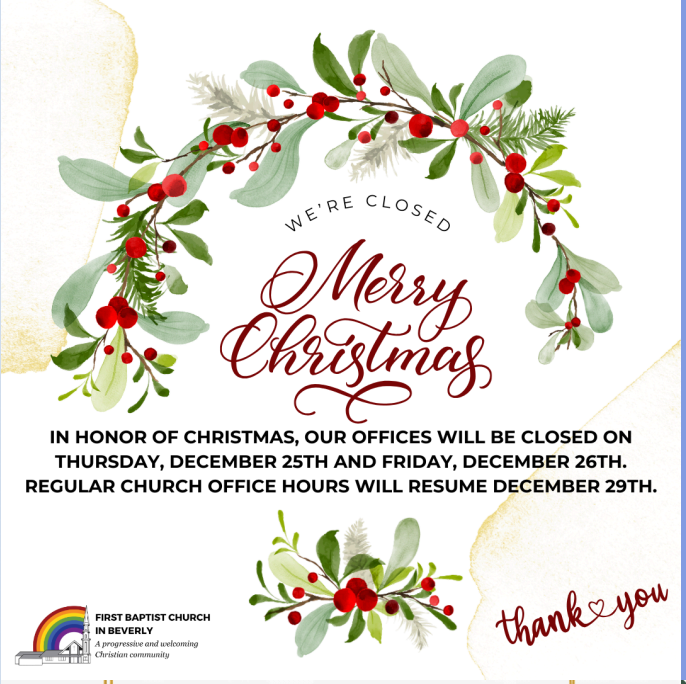
The Church will cover the studio fee of $10 per person. Pottery projects are approximately $35 each, with some costing less. Anyone who needs assistance paying for their project can receive assistance from the Church. Others pay at Clay Dreaming on the night of the event.

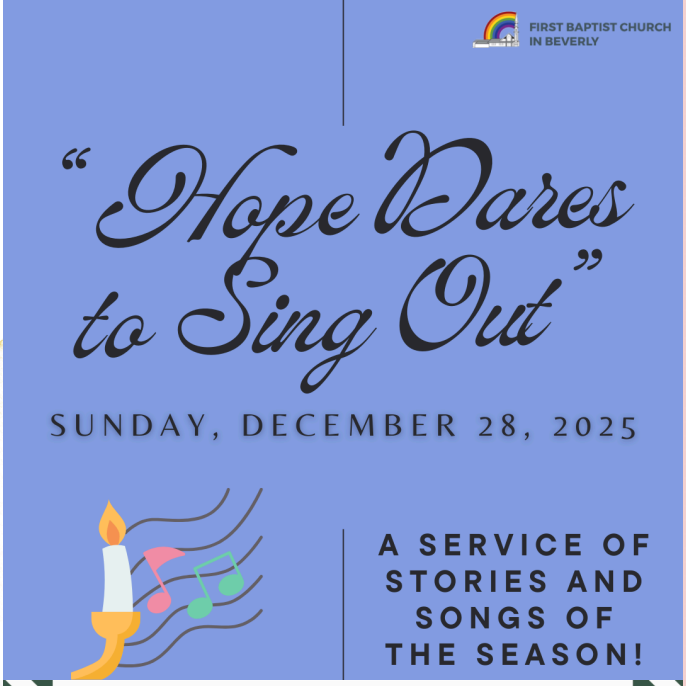
Please RSVP to the Church Office at ***phaight@fbcbeverly.org*** by Sunday, January 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

A LOOK AT THE WEEKEND BEFORE CHRISTMAS *at* FIRST BAPTIST!



Looking ahead at FBC Beverly...





"…the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' — Luke 2:10-12"

PENCIL IN FBC

December
24
Wednesday

Christmas Eve Service Planned with the Enthusiasm of Children in Mind

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for this early service featuring our Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant for all who would like to participate!

Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

This moving service begins at 11:00 p.m. and features musical selections sure to touch your heart as Christmas arrives.

December
25-26
Thursday-Friday

Merry Christmas!

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday in honor of the Christmas holiday.

December
28
Sunday

Service of Story and Song!

Join us at 10:00 o'clock for an uplifting service for all ages as you prepare to enter 2026! There will be stories of the season and lots of favorite carols to sing together.

January
1-2
Thursday-Friday

Church Office Closed for New Years Holiday

The FBC Church Office will be closed for New Years and reopen at the regular time on Monday, January 5th.

January
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Sunday

Epiphany & Communion Sunday

Join us for our 10 o'clock worship service this Epiphany Sunday. *Please Note: Both Middle School and Senior High Fellowship Groups meet tonight.*

January
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Tuesday

Theology On Tap

It's the first TOT of 2026! See you at The Kitchen Table in Beverly at 8:00 p.m. for real talk of faith, post-holiday fellowship time, and certainly some food & drink!

January

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Friday

First PNO of the New Year!

We can't wait to kick off 2026 with a Parents' Night Out from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at FBC!

Women's Fellowship Group set to go Clay Dreaming

Women's Fellowship are painting pottery as they enjoy some time together from 6:00-8:00 p.m. ***RSVPS are due to Pat*** by Sunday, January 4th!

January

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Saturday

Ordination Council at FBC

An Ordination Council of the Adoniram Judson Association will convene at 10:00 a.m. to consider our own Daniel Johnson's candidacy for ordination.

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