



Cards for all of these areas are located in the pew rack. Place completed cards in the offering plate or in a collection box as you leave worship.

Want to find a place of community and belonging? CONNECT

Take a moment to give us information so we can reach out and get to know you better. We want to help you connect with our awesome people!

Want to discover what it means to be in relationship with God? GROW

We offer opportunities to study and learn about what it means to know God and have a personal relationship with God through Christ. Complete the Grow card and let us know about your interests.

Want to make a difference? SERVE

You have already experienced some ways in which you can serve — from coffee, to greeters, to worship leadership. Take a moment to complete the Serve card and indicate ways you would like to plug in.

Want to help do for others what has been done for you? GIVE

We are able to provide so much because of generous hearts. Offering envelopes and opportunities to give on line are available for you to support our efforts.

What about my kids?

We have many opportunities for children and youth, including small groups meeting at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday. Just ask at the Next Step table and someone will be glad to direct you to the right locations.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Will Dyer, *Senior Pastor*
Jim Walls, *Associate Pastor*
R.J. Robinson, *Pastor Emeritus*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kurt Wachtel, *Minister of Music*
Dan Gaudinier, *Minister of Contemporary Worship*
Gerald Espinal, Jr., *Technical Director*
Rebecca Hughes, *Interim Children's Choirs Coordinator*

FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

David Hughes, *Minister to Students*
Melissa Willis, *Minister to Preschool & Children*
Jennifer Huston, *Interim Director of Weekday Education*
Paul Moller, *Director of Senior Adult Ministry*

OPERATIONS MINISTRY

Kelly Rose, *Church Administrator*



Welcome to Worship
11:00 a.m. Service
December 2, 2018

To Our Guests

We are so glad you have chosen to be with us today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the Connect card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate or in one of the collection boxes as you leave. Following the service, please feel free to introduce yourself to any one of our ministers or connect with a Greeter at the Next Step table in the Rotunda.

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Augusta, Georgia 30909
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Visit www.fbcaugusta.org to see more opportunities.

The Church in Worship

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
December 2, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we light the first candle of Advent. Its color is purple, the liturgical color of Advent. The candle before us reminds us that God, through a prophet chosen by him, proclaimed that promise of hope that he would send the people of Israel a Messiah.

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

Prelude *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* Wilbur Held
Lighting the First Candle of Advent David, Janet and Nash Hudson
Choral Call Brian Doerksen/Arr. Robert Sterling
"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship/O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- FBC Youth Ensemble -

PRAISING GOD

*Hymn of Praise 83 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* HYFRYFOL
*Morning Prayer Melissa Willis
Welcome
*Hymn 79 *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* VENI EMMANUEL
*Offertory Prayer Linda Giles
Offertory *"Hope"* Arr. Joel Raney
*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above the heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Prayers of the People Will Dyer

LISTENING TO GOD

Anthem Reuben Morgan/Arr. Robert Sterling
"Hear Our Prayers/Angels We Have Heard on High"
Sermon *"Is God with Us?"* Will Dyer
Luke 15:11-32

RESPONDING TO GOD

*Hymn of Response 87 FESTAL SONG
"Arise, Your Light Has Come"
The Blessing Will Dyer
Postlude *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* Wayne Wold
Wayne Lord, organist Les Reagan, pianist

*Congregation please stand. Please silence your electronic devices.
Seating for the hearing impaired is on the north side of the Sanctuary.
An interpreter is available. Hearing devices are available from any Usher.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of
Robert C. Hulsebus by his wife, Jo.*



FBC Augusta Music Ministry
presents the
Children's Choirs Christmas
Program tonight at 5:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

The First Baptist Church Benevolence Ministry is now using our Angel Trees for the Christmas Gift Card Project. This project asks you to purchase as many \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards as you are led and place in one of the holder on the trees and return to the Benevolence office. These cards will be distributed to Hurricane Florence victims in the Wilmington area through a partnership program.

God's Mission...Our Vision

A Bible Study and Workshop for Missions at FBC
Led by Ernie and Allison Sizemore
Wednesdays December 5 and 12, at 6PM, Adult Building Room 103

*Church in Conference
Sunday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*