

Hope

The people
walking in
darkness have
seen a great
light.

Isaiah 9:2, NIV



JOINT WORSHIP

of

First Baptist Church of Bridgeville and Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian USA)
Order for Worship ~ Hope Sunday ~ 1st Sunday in Advent ~ 30 November 2025 ~ 10:00am

Preparation for Worship:

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

First Baptist Praise and Worship Team

Prelude

Veni Emanuel

Martha Sobaje

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Litany for Advent:

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness: Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai:

Come with outstretched arm to save us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may keep alert as we watch for the glorious coming of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Please stand

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Hope

Leader: On this first Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of hope.

"The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks..."

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Greet your neighbors, saying, "Peace of Christ."

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Minute for Mission

Giving Trees

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us this day, O Lord. Visit us with your wisdom, overshadow us with your Spirit, and let it be with us according to your Word: Jesus Christ our Savior.

First Scripture Reading:

Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible Page 27

*Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Please stand

Second Scripture Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible Page 162

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

First Baptist Male Ensemble

Sermon

"The Day Is Near"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Offering

Please use the envelopes and pencils in the pews to designate your offering for 1st Baptist or Bower Hill.

Offertory

***The Doxology: Hymn 606, 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

**For a gender-neutral version, use hymn 607.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Our Father* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.
*Or “Mother” or “Parent”

*Hymn 117

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Please stand

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

First Baptist Male Ensemble

*If you have a prayer request, please write it on the white prayer request card located in your pew.
You may place it in the offering plate located in the narthex to be printed next week.
Prayer concerns will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Prayers are requested for:

Matt Arner, Beverly Burke, Sophie Burke, Nancy Green, Hekima Place, Sam Levine, Alex Lorber
Robert Olinger, Barb Oram, Antoinette Shanahan, Resa Walsh, Family of Lynne Wohleber