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**Second Baptist Church**  
**Sunday In-Person & Online Worship**  
**December 8, 2024 - 10:45 a.m.**

# 2nd Sunday of Advent!

Announcements	<i>Displayed, please read silently.</i>
Music Ministry	Male Chorus
Opening Prayer	Deacon Ministry
Hymn of the Day "Go Tell It On The Mountain" – <i>by John W. Works - #361*</i>	Congregation
Scripture	Deacon Ministry Luke 3:2-6 NRSV
Advent Candle Lighting The second candle is the candle of "Preparation."	Deaconess/Women
Worship Arts Ministry "O Holy Night" – <i>by Chris Tomlin and CeCe Winans</i>	Devoted Servants Dance Ministry
Music Ministry	Male Chorus
Presentation of the Word	Dr. Yvette Weaver "Will You Be Ready When Jesus Comes?" Luke 3:2-6 NRSV
Invitation to Discipleship "Just Come"*	Dr. Yvette Weaver
Tithes and Offerings	Deacon Ministry
Doxology	Deacon Ministry/ Congregation
Closing Prayer "The Blessing" – <i>by Elevation Worship*</i>	Dr. Yvette Weaver

*\*Lyrics are on the screens.*

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## SCRIPTURE

### LUKE 3:2-6 NRSV

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<sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

<sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SBC MEMBERS 65 AND OLDER** are invited to the annual Senior Dinner for a time of food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate the Christmas season **TODAY Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Grey Room, following our worship service. *Please join us!* Rev. Floria Washington, Women's Ministry Servant Leader.

**BREAD BASKET FOOD PANTRY:** We are preparing 100 boxes for Christmas to provide assistance to those in need. We are asking members to **immediately** begin to donate the following food items: Cranberry sauce (100 cans); Stuffing Mix -Stove top or something similar (100 boxes); Instant Mashed Potatoes (100 boxes); Cornbread - Jiffy or something similar (100 boxes); and Cake mix & icing (100 boxes) to be given out on **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. To help purchase these items, monetary donations will also be accepted by writing a check to Second Baptist Church or electronically with Givelify. Write "Bread Basket" in the memo. Please place your food donations in the boxes in the Troy Wing marked "Bread Basket Donations" or give to me Deacon John Ramsey, Bread Basket Food Pantry Servant Leader. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**MUSIC MINISTRY HERITAGE DISPLAY:** Please take a few minutes to stop in the choir room and view the December Christmas Concerts Display. The Music and Worship Arts Ministry has presented many programs over the years. Sometimes just one choir would present a musical program and sometimes there would be a collaboration between the Music and Drama Ministries. The display this month has several programs from over the years along with sheet music of songs that were sung. *Please stop by!* Sister Sylvia Wilson, Music & Worship Arts Ministry.

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**MLK BREAKFAST TICKETS:** Second Baptist Church has bought a table for the MLK Breakfast on **Monday, January 20, 2025**. Tickets are \$55.20. If you’d like a ticket, please contact me, Sister Jadon Nious, Director of Operations at the church office, 614-253-4313.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** When you see Second Baptist member Brianna Corner-Stafford, please congratulate her as she will be graduating from Cleveland State University on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. *We are very proud of you Brianna!!*



## **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 8, 2024 through Saturday, December 14, 2024

Deacon Rosby Lee: (614) 253-4313



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## **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT - PREPARATION**

### ***Deaconess/Women***

**READER:** Advent, from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming," is the liturgical season characterized by waiting and preparation. During Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world, while waiting and preparing for His promised return. We are reminded during Advent that we should "fear not" because God, Emmanuel, is with us.

**READER: Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**READER: Luke 1:68-79**

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.<sup>78</sup> By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, <sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**READER: Luke 3:2-6**

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**READER:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle we light today represents "**Preparation**" (Light the Purple candle)

**READER:** Advent Prayer: *God of timeless grace You fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way.*

