



THE  
**First Baptist Church**  
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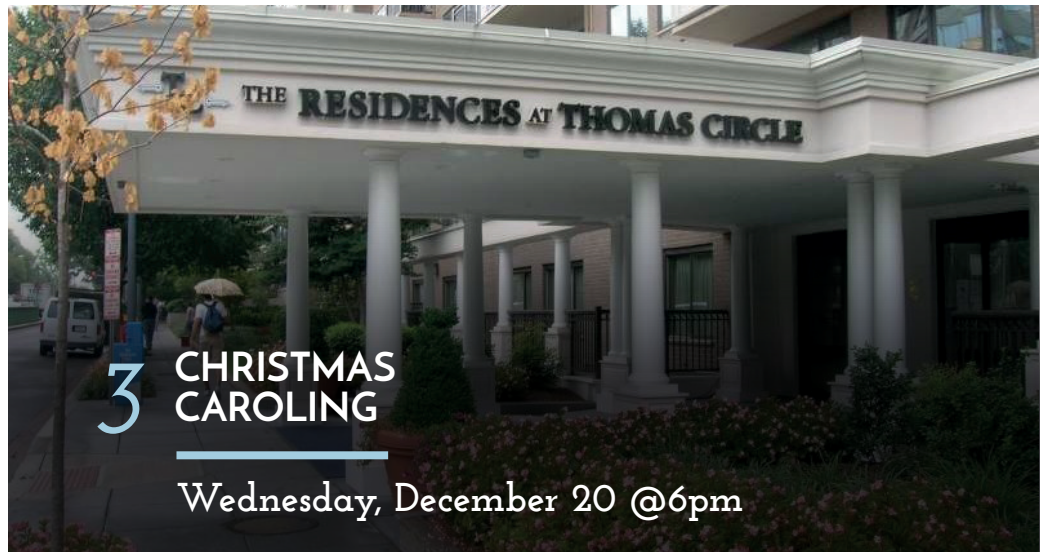
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# WORSHIP

## BLUE CHRISTMAS: A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

Wednesday, December 13 @ 7pm (FBC Sanctuary)

For those who grieve, the weeks leading up to Christmas can be the most painful time of the whole year. Blue Christmas offers a place simply to feel what we feel and to receive the hope and comfort of Christ. This year's service will include music by Shannon Steed, a personal reflection on grief by Paul Clark and some words of hope by Pastor Julie. We conclude the service by lighting candles in memory of people who have died, and/or in acknowledgment of other kinds of grief we are carrying. Consider inviting and accompanying someone you know who needs some hope and comfort. Before the service, we will enjoy dinner prepared by Chef Laval at 6 pm. Make a reservation with D'O Dillard at [ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org). Cost of Dinner: \$8.00.



## ALYSSA ALDAPE PREACHING ON DECEMBER 31

Pastor Alyssa will be the proclaimer in worship on December 31 while Pastor Julie is on holiday with her family in Orlando. Pastor Charlie will be in worship that day as well. Alyssa's message: *Finding the Sacred in the Ordinary* from Luke 2:22-40. Kevin Biggins will serve as guest organist-choirmaster while Lon enjoys time with family in Idaho.



# SERVE

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Wednesday December 20 @6-7pm

Meet at the church at 6:00 for a two-block walk to the Residences at Thomas Circle (a senior adult community at 1330 Massachusetts Ave, NW) where we'll sing Christmas carols for the residents at 6:30 (or you may meet us there). Dinner after caroling at City Tap House (1250 Connecticut Ave NW, at N Street, Washington, DC 20036).



## PHOTOS: DEC. 6 - DECORATING AT CHRIST HOUSE

We met at Christ House to help decorate the house for Christmas. Christ House is a residential medical facility for homeless persons in D.C.



# GIVE

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

First Baptist Church can help can change the world through the love of Jesus Christ by supporting global missions efforts. You're invited to give a Christmas gift for missions through The World Mission Offering of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., and/or the Offering for Global Missions of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. These two Baptist mission groups have answered God's call to join God in the world on mission and we affirm their efforts when we give as we are able! Offering envelopes are available in the sanctuary, in each pew.

<b>GIVE TO MISSIONS</b>		
	American Baptist Churches USA America for Christ/World Mission Offering	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Name: _____ Email: _____		Total: \$ _____

## COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN: TWO WEEKS LEFT

As of today, 51 individuals and families have returned commitment cards for a total of \$278,980. We need only 9 more pledges and \$51,020 to meet our goal. There's still time to make your commitment. You may pledge online through our website, or pick up a commitment card in the narthex. FBC's Commitment Season extends through December.

## STAFF LOVE OFFERING FOR CHRISTMAS

During this season of giving, we think of our church staff to whom the congregation owes appreciation for serving the church family so faithfully during the past year. Therefore, as has been the custom for many years, please prayerfully make your gift to the Staff Love Offering. You may do so by placing your gift in the form of a check or cash in an envelope noting on the outside that it is for the "Staff Love Offering." Please place the envelope in the offering plate any Sunday between now and December 24, or give it to Life Deacons Steve Netcott or Ellen Parkhurst.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Wanted, people who wish to show appreciation of others and help beautify our sanctuary by giving altar flowers either "In Honor Of or In Memory Of" in 2018. The sign-up book is kept on the window sill outside our Administrative Assistant's office on the second floor of the Education Building. Cost of these two arrangements is \$70.00; flowers may be taken home by you or used for those who are ill or homebound, or how ever you wish after the worship service. Questions? Contact flower guild member Shirley McBeath at 301-929-9261, or [snmbeath@aol.com](mailto:snmbeath@aol.com).





BORED WIDE-EYED EXCITED  
EMPTY THANKFUL WEARY  
FALTERING HOPEFUL SINGING  
ACHING CURIOUS PLAYFUL  
LONELY SURROUNDED  
WANTING WISHING FATIGUED  
BELIEVING ANGRY SHAMED  
CONTENT QUIET SERENE  
SURE SECURE ALONE GRIEVING  
DOUBTING GROUNDED ANXIOUS

2017 Advent  
Sermon Series

The First Baptist Church  
of the City of Washington, D.C.

**SUNDAYS @ 11AM**

**December 3**  
How We Wait: **WIDE-EYED**  
*Mark 13:24-37*

**December 10**  
How We Wait: **FALTERING**  
*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**December 17**  
How We Wait: **SURROUNDED**  
*Matthew 1:1-16*

**December 24**  
How We Wait: **BELIEVING**  
*Luke 1:26-38*

**December 24 \*4PM**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
How We Wait: **GROUNDED**  
*Luke 2:1-20*



## JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS AND HEALING

**New 5-Week Class on Sundays @ 9:45am; Room 315**

What about our life's journey makes us blue? How does God bring healing as we share our stories and care for one another? How does the Bible help us as we grieve? You are invited to take part in a five-week small group experience dealing with loss, grief and the journey to wholeness, led by teacher and storyteller Paul Clark.

The group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 on Jan. 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4 and 11 in room 315 (take elevator in the O Street entrance to the 3rd floor). A warm welcome awaits you.



## COMING IN JANUARY: AN EVENING WITH PASTOR DONNA CLAYCOMB SOKOL

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 (Fellowship Hall)**

Our "third Wednesday" speaker series sponsored by the Faith Formation Team continues in January. Join us for a conversation with Rev. Dr. Donna Claycomb Sokol, senior pastor of Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church here in D.C., and co-author of a new book, *A New Day in the City: Urban Church Revival*. The MVP congregation focuses its energy on a limited number of ministries in order to offer each with intentionality, excellence and the hospitality of Christ. On January 17th, Pastor Julie will facilitate an interview and Q&A with Pastor Donna. Come and hear more about the MVP story, and meet this exceptional pastor who is also eager to meet the people of First Baptist Church.



**Schedule on January 17 in Fellowship Hall (come for some or all of the evening)**

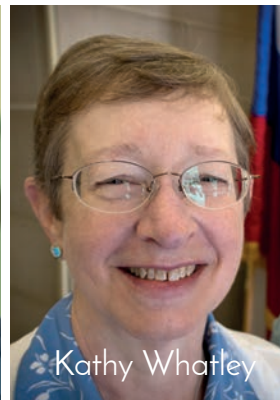
- 5:00 Sandwich making for Martha's Table
- 6:00 Supper prepared by Chef Laval (RSVP to [ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org))
- 7:00 Conversation with Rev. Dr. Donna Claycomb Sokol

## PASTORAL CARE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Pastoral care is a team ministry at First Baptist Church. Our pastors and deacons work together to help our congregation feel supported and cared for. Alyssa Aldape is the Pastor-on-Call Christmas Eve weekend through Dec. 27. Deacons Doug Duvall and Kathy Whatley are on-call Dec. 28-30. (Pastor Julie and Pastor Charlie will be out of town during the week of Christmas.)



Doug Duvall



Kathy Whatley



Pastor Alyssa



## YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH AT 12:30PM

Bring a side or a beverage to share.

Hosted By: Rob Marus  
Rob's place is located a block from Shaw Metro.



## SUPPORT GROUPS THAT MEET @ FBC

### **Alcoholics Anonymous** Jaywalkers

Day: Thursdays

Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Room: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bob dcbob1@gmail.com

### **Alcoholics Anonymous** Friday Night Funtoo

Day: Fridays

Time: 7:45pm to 8:45pm

Room: 214

Contact: kyoungert@gmail.com

### **Narcotics Anonymous** Clean Works

Day: Fridays

Time: 8pm to 9pm

Room: Parlor

Contact: 1-800-543-4670

### **Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous**

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 7:15pm to 8:15pm

Room: 306

Contact: slaadcmetro@gmail.com

# PHOTOS FROM CANDLELIGHT CAROLS - DEC. 10



## EVENTS

### Sunday, December 17

**9:30am:** Bible study for All Ages

**10am:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)

**11am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

**12:30pm:** Young Adult Christmas Brunch (see p. 6)

**2pm:** Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

### Tuesday, December 19

**6:30pm:** Education for Ministry (Rm 214)

### Wednesday, December 20

**5pm:** Sandwich making for Martha's Table (Fellowship Hall)

**6pm:** Leave church for caroling at the Residences at Thomas Circle (see pg. 3)

## DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF DECEMBER 17:



Allen Norfleet

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 24:



Doug Duvall

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 31:



Steve Netcott

*The on-call deacon is your lay contact for prayer concerns during their week of service.*

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Continued Prayers

- Randy Hawkins (Philip Hawkins' father in GA)
- Skip Strain (Debbi Miller's 94-yr-old father in CA)
- Robert Lyttle

### Recently Added

- Margaret Russell  
(Tim Pennington-Russell's mother in CA)

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