

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday (7:20-8:30pm)

- Zoom Bible Study
- 12/1 - The book of Ezekiel

### Friday (6:30-7:30am)

- Men's Group (meets in Judson Room)

### Sunday (9:00-10:15am)

- Adult Sunday School in Judson Room
- 12/5 - *Is Christmas Unbelievable?* (Ch. 2)

## UPCOMING

### Family Christmas Piano Concert

- Sat, Dec. 18 at 3:00pm
- Led by Javier Márquez

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

- December 24 at 6:00pm

### Church Membership Classes

- Sundays, January 9 and 16 from 12:00-1:00pm (lunch provided)
- 2-session class surveying our history, beliefs, values, challenge, & character

## WAYS TO SERVE

### Lifebridge Community Meals - next meal Dec. 20

Join our team of cooks & servers at Lifebridge in Salem on the third Monday of each month. If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Pastor Steven or Dennis Duval.



## VISITING US TODAY?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- **Coffee & community after the service** - All are invited to join us for a community-building time after the service in our Fellowship Hall next door. Refreshments are provided. It's a great way to meet the people of our church.
- **We'd love to connect with you after today...** if you wish! Please leave us your contact information if so by filling out our "Visitor Card" provided in the back of the sanctuary. You can also fill out the Visitor Card & find more info about our church via our QR code to the right.
- **We have a gift for you!** Make sure to grab your visitor gift at the Welcome Center in the foyer before leaving. We're so glad you came!



## HOW TO GIVE

### GIVE ONLINE

- [www.firstbaptistchurchsalem.com/give](http://www.firstbaptistchurchsalem.com/give)

### GIVE BY MAIL

- 292 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970

### GIVE IN-PERSON

- Offering plate by doors

Please make checks out to "First Baptist Church of Salem"

  
First Baptist Church of Salem, MA  
*For Christ's Kingdom & the flourishing of our city*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE

NOVEMBER 28, 2021, 10:30AM | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# HOME

## For Christmas

tracing the themes of HOME from the Story of the ages

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. As you sit down, reflect on this:

*"Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home." C.S. Lewis*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

- PRELUDE**.....Javier Márquez, Pianist  
**WELCOME & PRAYER**.....Pastor Steven White  
**SONGS OF WORSHIP** (see insert for lyrics)  
    O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn #145)  
    The First Noel (Hymn #136 - verses 1, 2, 6 only)  
**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**.....Sarah White  
    Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle | "Christ's Return & Eternal Reign"  
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**.....Pastor Steven White  
    Pastoral Prayer  
    Praying for the World  
**SONG OF PREPARATION** (see insert for lyrics)  
    Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Hymn #1)  
**BIBLE READING**  
    Luke 1:26-38  
**SERMON**.....Pastor Steven White  
    **TITLE:** "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: HEAVEN"  
    **TEXT:** Revelation 21:1  
**SONG OF RESPONSE** (see insert for lyrics)  
    Joy to the World (Hymn #125)  
**BENEDICTION**

## PRAY



### FOR OUR CHURCH

**For those mourning the loss of loved ones**

- Lord, the holiday season can be a difficult one for people who have experienced loss. Bring Your comfort & peace to those missing their loved ones.

**For widows, and those living alone:**

- Lord, we pray for those living on their own this season. Help our church to love & care well, and to provide community for them.



### FOR OUR CITY

**For the neighborhood surrounding our church:**

- Lord, we pray for those who live closest to our building. May we be great neighbors & care for each family/household well.

**For all the churches in Salem:**

- Lord, we cannot reach this city alone. We pray for the fruit of other Gospel-preaching churches here.



### FOR OUR WORLD

**Countries for this week:**

- Uganda and Ukraine

**Unreached People Group for this week:**

- Rajput people in India

*\*see "Praying for the World" sheet for specific ways to pray*