celebration of christian worship

GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace — Rev. Bobby Rayburn

Invitation to Worship — Rev. Rayburn

Leader: Come, listen.
Congregation: A thrill of hope is calling.
Leader: Come, rejoice.
Congregation: A weary world is healing.
Leader: Come, watch.
Congregation: A bright star is shining.
Leader: Come, worship.
All: The Messiah is coming!

Prelude — *Wachet auf!* — J.S. Bach, arr. Chuck Seipp
Tristan Keaton, trumpet & Melvin Hale, organ

Affirmation of Hope — (see insert) — Dr. Leonard Ezell

*Hymn #83 — *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* — HYFRYDOL

*Invocation — Rev. Rayburn

GATHER...TO WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Hymn #603 — *Jesus Loves Me* — CHINA

(Children please come forward during the singing of the hymn.)

Children's Sermon — Layla Battley

Lighting the Candle of Hope — (see insert) — Jack and Betty Lou Nunneley

Hymn #82 — *Light the Light, the Fire of Life (vs. 1)* — IL EST NÉ

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.
Light the candle of His hope, light the light of prophet's story,
light the candle of His hope, light the light we all must hold.

GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer — Stephanie Ezell

Offertory — *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Es ist ein' Ros entsprungen)* — Johannes Brahms, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, John H. Head
Tristan Keaton, trumpet & Melvin Hale, organ

*Response Doxology #705 — *Glory Be to the Father* — GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, amen.

GATHER...TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture — Mark 13:24-37 — Dr. Ezell

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God! — William Sisson

Choral Praise — *Advent Prayer*
Caelyn Blackwell & Ashton Warren, soloists

How will we know him, Lord? How will we know? We will seek in the night, we will watch for a sign, but how will we know Him, Lord? Seek in the radiance of hope and of peace, seek in the bright flame of joy, seek in the light and the goodness of love, but seek Him first in your heart. Come Thou long expected Jesus, Joy of every longing heart. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: there's room in my heart for Thee.

Sermon — *Keep Awake* — Dr. Ezell

DEPART...TO SERVE

*Hymn of Response #87 — *Arise, Your Light Is Come* — FESTAL SONG

Announcements — Layla Battley

*Benediction — Dr. Ezell

Postlude — *Prepare the Royal Highway* — BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
Tristan Keaton, trumpet & Melvin Hale, organ

***The congregation is invited to stand.**

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, November 29, Hope
- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 11:30 A Sanctuary Decorating
- 5:00 P Vespers

Tuesday, December 1
- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A Quilting
- 6:30 P "Messy Faith" Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2
- 6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3
- 10:00 A Bible Study

Friday, December 4
- 9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, December 6, Peace
- 8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service, Hanging of the Green
- 11:30 A Christmas Lunch
- 5:00 P Youth

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How to Join BBC in Membership During Hymn of Response

1. Profession of Faith and Baptism
2. Statement of Faith and Affirmation of Baptism
3. Transfer of Letter of Membership

Questions? Contact Rev. Rayburn or Dr. Ezell

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Sanctuary Decorating... Following today's worship we are going to decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent season. If you are able to help us decorate, please let us know. Lunch will be provided.

Church Christmas Lunch...$10 per person. Contact the office or talk to Katie to get on the waitlist.

Bible Study... Thursdays, 10 AM. "Visions of the End: Early Jewish and Christian Apocalypticism." Contact Dr. Ezell for more information.

Messy Faith... Interested in Jesus? Not the ethereal, white-robed, sonorous-voiced, halo-headed, float-above-the-ground Jesus, but rather the earthy, untidy, wild, gritty, table-overturning, fully human yet divine, tender, compassionate, dangerous, understanding, grace-filled Jesus. Then join us here at Broadmoor Baptist on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM for a six-week discussion about "Messy Faith." Led by Bobby Rayburn.

Southeast Ministries Holiday Food Cards... Gift cards with the message, "Merry Christmas from Broadmoor Baptist Church" were given to those served by our local food bank in 2024 and 2025. All recipients met USDA income guidelines and were qualified to be provided food once a month. We hope to repeat this Christmas Tradition this year with the first cards being distributed Monday, November 23rd. The easiest way to support this charity is to write a check to Broadmoor Baptist Church with a note on the memo line, SEM-Christmas. The church will collect funds for this until Sunday, December 20th.

Toy Drive... Broadmoor Baptist Youth and Children are asking the congregation to donate brand new toys and books to St. Vincent de Paul's Santa Workshop. Toys for ages infant-18 are accepted. St. Vincent de Paul is also in need of toys and activities for teens. Last day to donate will be Thursday, December 9th.

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November 29, 2026

Affirmation of Hope

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We believe in God who creates:
All: We believe God shows up in clouds, stars, and budding trees.
We believe God has named all things good.
We believe God's grace appears in the wonders of nature:
life, growth, diversity, dependence, and decay.
We believe God is still creative and active among us and in our world.
One: We believe in a God who sustains:
All: We believe in the promise of Christ, for whom we wait.
We believe that good will prevail over evil.
We believe all will be healed and restored.
We believe in a future with hope.
We believe Christ is transforming the world, here and now.
One: We believe in a God of surprises:
All: We believe the Spirit is moving.
We believe we will witness the inbreaking of mercy and justice.
We believe in unexpected grace.
We believe we are called to keep awake.
We believe the Spirit works through us to renew the world.
One: In this season and always, we live with faith.
All: The thrill of hope persists.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Reader 1: In the midst of busyness, bustling, and buzzing, we pause to breathe and release our burdens. Listen for words of hope on this First Sunday of Advent. (Brief pause for silence.)
Reader 2: It is difficult to gather in this place without acknowledging the hurt all around us.
Reader 1: There are unjust systems and harmful powers in place that diminish life.

All: What can we do? Where is our hope?

Reader 2: Be alert. Pay attention. There are whispers of hope all around you:
Reader 1: in a meal delivered, a hand extended, forgiveness granted.
Reader 2: As we live between the already and the not yet, we remember salvation doesn't happen when all is right in the world.
Reader 1: The Messiah draws near now, breaking into the present through moments of compassion and flourishing.
Reader 2: In this season of holy waiting and wholly longing, we light the candle of hope.
Reader 1: Saying goodbye to the powers that harm and welcoming the coming of Christ.

All: May the hope of God-with-us thrill and inspire.

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