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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.

The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Advent/Christmas Worship at First Baptist

We invite you to join us for worship on Sundays at 9:45 as we celebrate a season filled with music, comfort, joy, and hope.

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent, 9:45 am

“Hoping Against Hope” (Isaiah 35:1-10)

Yuletide Orchestra will play

Hanging of the Greens following worship

Saturday, December 7

Church Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm

Program led by our children and youth will follow

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent, 9:45 am

“A Vision of Peace” (Isaiah 2:1-5, 9:2, 6-7; Matthew 1:18-25)

Yuletide Orchestra will play

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent, 9:45 am

choir cantata: “Night of the Father’s Love” by Pepper Choplin

Vespers at Northcrest, 6 pm

December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:45 am

“Good News of Great Joy” (Luke 2:1-14)

December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Social Hour (you are welcome to bring goodies to share!)

6:00 pm - Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols





December 1

Worship Leader: Pat Coffey

Ushers: Bob Parrish, Kent Johnson

Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders

Sound System: Bob Parrish

December 8

Worship Leader: Joe Parrish

Ushers: Larry Schrag, Beth Douglass

Elijah Phomvisay

Sound System: Tom Logue

December 15

Worship Leader: Susan Russell

Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue

Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard

Sound System: Kent Johnson

December 22

Worship Leader: Barbara Woods

Ushers: Scott Anderson, Jere Maddux

Stephanie Goodman, Jacelyn Rudderow

Sound System: Tom Logue

December 29

Worship Leader: Dawn Doerr-Johnson

Ushers: Barbara Woods, Trey Belle-Lawson

Aaron Stegemöller, Julie Johnston

Sound System: Kent Johnson

December Flowers: Church Family

Northcrest Vespers Service



Our long tradition of holding a special worship service at Northcrest Community during the Advent season continues with the annual Northcrest Vespers Service. The service will be on Sunday, December

15 at 5 pm in the Green Room, on the lower level of the main building at Northcrest, 1801 20th Street. A fellowship time will be held in the dining room afterwards. Vespers is held at Northcrest as part of our ministry to residents there, but everyone is welcome to attend. Please note that parking is very limited due to construction. We encourage carpooling to the service.

Christmas Dinner and Program

The **Christmas Dinner** is a long-held tradition at First Baptist with good food and warm fellowship with church family and guests. We look forward to a wonderful program led by our youth and children following the meal.



Christmas Dinner

This year's **Christmas dinner** will be **Saturday, December 7 at 6 pm** with a program following the meal. The meat, dressing, rolls, beverages and table service will be furnished by the church. Please bring a dish to share. If your last name starts with A-E, please bring a dessert. F-L is asked to bring a vegetable. M-P is asked to bring a salad and Q-Z should bring a potato dish. (If instead of your "assigned" dish there is something special that you would like to prepare, please feel free to do so!)

Please let us know if you can come by emailing or calling the church office, or using the friendship pads in the pews and marking Event 1. Please also let us know if you can help in the kitchen or with table set-up. Students, you do not need to bring a dish - please come as our invited guests!

December Birthdays

Irene Shireman	2
Tolani Clotney	4
Quinn Whitaker	7
Jim Demarest	8
Tonia McCarley	12
Jeanette Gee	13
Killian Murphy	26
Jill Leininger	28
Stephanie Starrett	28

December Anniversary

Dave & Susan Russell 20

Budget and Election Meeting



Our annual Budget/Election Business Meeting will be held Sunday, December 8 at 12 noon. We will approve a budget for the 2020 year as well as elect officers, board members, committee members, and representatives to various community groups. All are invited for this important meeting.

Baptism Class



Pastor Dave will lead a class beginning next month for older elementary and middle school youth who would like to explore baptism. We will talk about God, Jesus, what it means to be a Christian, the meaning of baptism, the church, our Baptist tradition, and more. We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 beginning January 8. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Pastor Dave.

Special Offerings in December

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering 2019

The **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** is a tangible way of saying "Thank You" to those who have served us. The offering supports those who have devoted their lives to God's service by providing

emergency assistance in times of need. The offering also provides Thank You checks to more than 3,300 retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses. The offering will be received on December 1st and throughout the month of December.

The **Christmas Offering** is an opportunity to help provide for those most in need in our community. Half of the offering goes to the Emergency Residence Project, our homeless shelter in Ames. The other half goes to our Benevolence Fund, which is distributed to those coming to our church seeking assistance. The offering will be received on December 8 and throughout the month of December.



Office Manager Update

Our Office Manager, Janelle Keltgen, has accepted the Office Manager position at Collegiate United Methodist Church, where she is a member. We are thankful for her ministry with us and wish her God's blessings on her new position. Janelle's last official day was November 22, but she will provide some assistance past that day (including getting this newsletter out!)

We are currently searching for an Office Manager. Details are available on our [church website](#).

MICHAEL LONDRA'S
**CELTIC
CHRISTMAS**

AMES CITY AUDITORIUM
DECEMBER 13 7PM







A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE **GOOD NEIGHBOR EMERGENCY FUND**

FOR MORE INFO GO TO WWW.MICHAELLONDRA.COM



DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45a Worship/ Communion 11a Church School 11a Hanging of the Greens	2	3 8a Men’s Break- fast, Perkins 4p PD Movement & Music	4 2p PD Discussion 3p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	5	6	7 6p Christmas Dinner and Program
8 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School 12p Budget & Election Mtg.	9	10 4p PD Movement & Music 7p Trustees	11 11:30a Women’s Lunch, Perkins 3p PD Singing 6:30p Choir	12	13	14 
15 9:45a Worship/ Christmas Cantata 11a Church School 5p Vespers at North- crest	16 	17 8a Men’s Break- fast, Perkins 8:30a Heat & So- lutions 4p PD Movement & Music	18 6:30p Choir	19	20	21
ISU Final Exams Week						
22 9:45a Worship 11a Church School 2p Prayer Shawl Circle	23	24 5p Social Hour 6p Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	28	28 
		Church Office Closed				
29 9:45a Worship Guest Preacher: Phyllis Schrag	30	31 	1 	<div>Church Office Hours Monday—Closed Tuesday—9am-Noon & 1-4pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am-Noon & 1-3pm Friday—8am-Noon</div>		
		Church Office Closed				



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Kathy Greiner	Custodian

May God's Blessing Be With You In This Holy Season



The First Baptist Staff

Pastor Dave

Mindy

Patricia

Kathy

Hanna

Emily