

Sunday, December 20, 2020



Welcome to the  
**First Baptist Church  
of Endicott**

*Know the love of God in Jesus Christ;  
Grow as followers of Him;  
Go share the love of God in our  
community and world.*

*Praise & Worship*

Opening Song Praise Team

Lighting of the Advent Candle Justin & Ayden Berchtold

First Sunday of Advent - Hope  
Second Sunday of Advent - Preparation  
Third Sunday of Advent - Joy  
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

Announcements Worship Leader

Missions Moment Mike Rice

“A Child’s Christmas Prayer” Sunday School Children

Praise Music Praise Team

Scripture Reading Linda O’Neill  
Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

Special Music Buddy Greene  
*Mary Did You Know*  
Kaleena Berchtold, Vocal

Message Pastor Keith  
“A Visit Like No Other”

Closing Song Praise Team

Benediction Pastor Keith

*Announcements*

**Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study:** There will be no Wednesday evening Prayer & Bible Study on December 23<sup>rd</sup> (neither in person or via ZOOM). Our next Wednesday evening Prayer & Bible Study will be on Wednesday, December 30 at 7:00PM.

**Ladies Bible Study:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10:00AM in person in the lounge and on ZOOM. Next meeting is January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**A special thank you** to all the participants in our children’s program:

Max Mellander	Jackson Ostrander	Lilliana Rice
Brighton Rice	Lorelei Rice	Miriam Rice
Henry Rice	Caroline Rice	Katherine Rice
Ezekiel Rice	Isaac Buchanan	Amelia Simonds
Gabriella Berchtold	Blake Parsons	Makenna Parsons
Adelie Frieser	Caydence Frieser	Emmarie Frieser
Asher Frieser	Evelyn O’Neill	Gwendolyn O’Neill
Laiela Smith		

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**Angel Tree:** The last day to bring gifts is December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Amanda Rice with any questions.

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**Christmas Eve Services:** We will be having two identical Christmas eve services this year, one at 5:00PM and the other at 7:00PM. Both services are in-person and both will be streamed live on Facebook.

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**Christmas Offering:** During the month of December, we will be receiving an 'end of the year' & Christmas offering that will be used towards continued technical enhancements of our worship service and online streaming. If you wish to participate in this offering, please clearly mark your gift "Christmas Offering." Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. To give online, please use our online giving feature through our website:

[www.firstbaptistendicott.com](http://www.firstbaptistendicott.com)

Indicate "Christmas Offering" in the General (Designated) area.

### Ways to Give

- ✓ Check payable to First Baptist Church and mailed to the church
- ✓ Using your bank "bill pay" with "payment" sent to the church
- ✓ Using "Online Giving" feature through our website:

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### Financial Update

Year Goal	Weekly Goal	Received Year- to-Date
\$110,600.00	\$2,126.92	
	<b>Received - Dec. 13</b>	116.70 %
	\$1,700.00	
<b>2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV</b> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.		

### Fear Not!

*On that first Christmas night, the angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid" (Luke 2:10). What is there to fear from a baby? A baby is powerless, with no guile, no anger and no judgment, only needing from us without fearing we will not provide: simply trusting, and content to be resting in our arms. This is how God came. This is Christmas. This one child, and for a time, perhaps too brief, our fears are taken over by our love for this child, and he is able to change our hearts.*

*Giving Envelopes for 2021 are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please see Kay Hollister if you would like to receive a box.*