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*Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 17, 2006 ~ 8:30 a.m.*

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**We gather in this place to worship God, to encourage and care for one another, to grow in our relationship to Christ and to learn to serve God both within this church and in God's world.**

**Our worship leaders this morning include:**

**Our Praise Team Leader, Christy Brownell and the Praise Team.**

**Our Music Director and Accompanist, John Spradling.**

**Our Pastor, Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee.**

**Scripture Focus: Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For nothing is impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

**Sermon**

***"Mary: Be Not Afraid"***

Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

**ABOUT THIS MORNING**

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available. Ask one of the greeters.
- **Greeting:** Sally Lyon
- **Flowers:** today are in celebration of Courtney Shevchuk's 22nd birthday!

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Prayer Needs:**

Please call Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616 to contact the prayer chain.

**In Case of  
Emergency:**

If you or anyone you know is in need of food in times of sickness or family emergency, please notify Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169.

**Caregiver in Action:**

This week please keep Ken and Ada Phelps in your prayers, as well as their Caregivers, Pauline and Harry Cole.

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Elaine LaFollette, Secretary  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
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**Gathering Time**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Joyce McCartney, organ

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Scripture** Isaiah 7:10-16

**Singing** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 169  
 (Verse 3)

**Lighting the Third Candle**

**Prayer (unison)**

Amazing God, we do not understand Your ways,  
 but we are drawn to worship You.  
 We are confronted by many difficulties in this world.  
 We often feel alone and afraid.  
 Come to us that we may discern right from wrong.  
 Give us strength to choose what is good and true.  
 As we worship You, equip us to follow where you would lead us.  
 Amen.

**\*Songs of Praise** See Insert

**Special Music** Scripture  
 Come, Come Emmanuel  
 Scripture  
 Arise, Shine, Jesus Has Come  
 Joyful Sounds Choir

**A Reading** I Thessalonians 5:16-24 Page 1841

**Offering**  
**Offertory** Christmas Is Here Joyful Sounds Choir

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

**Children’s Time\*\*** Pastor Leon

**\*Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 168

**Family Prayers** (Joys and Concerns)

**Scripture** Luke 1:26-38 Page 1588

**Sermon** “Mary: Be Not Afraid” Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

**\*Hymn of Response** O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 178

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Joyce McCartney, organ

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\*If you are able, please stand.

\*\*4 & 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children’s Corner; all those children in Grades 1 and older are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Shirley Mapstone.

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- **Greeting:** Dick, Linda, and Doug Barber
- **Ushers:** Keith Butler and Jeffrey Loope
- **Child Care:** The Shephard Family
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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We presently have three (3) classes for Adults during our 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School hour:

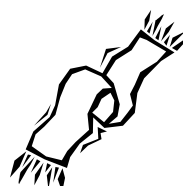
- The Fruit of the Spirit** – Leader, Betsy Burt – Meeting in the Chapel
- The Book of Acts** – Leader, Al Dominy – Meeting in Room 207
- Journeys Bible Study** – Leader, Erm Ferris – Meeting in the Library

**ATTENTION:** There will be No Sunday School next Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

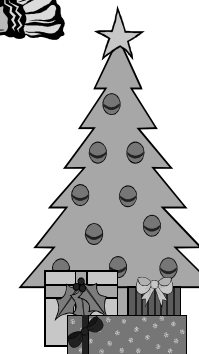
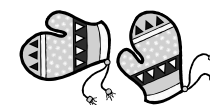
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**WHEELS FOR THE WORLD MINISTRY** - Do you know someone in need of a wheel chair, a walker, cane or crutches? We have these items available. Do you know someone who wants to donate these types of items? Please call Al Dominy at 637-4964. Thank you.

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**MITTEN TREE**



**During the month of December, you may place gloves, mittens, hats or scarves to be donated to children in the Syracuse City schools on the Christmas tree outside of the chapel. Any questions call Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.**

# CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

*Come, Celebrate the Christmas Message  
told through play and song  
in the voices of our own congregation*

**TONIGHT, December 17th, 6:00 pm**

**First Baptist Church in the Sanctuary**

## *A Mountain Christmas Memory*

*by Paul McCusker  
from a story by Dan Miller*

*with*

*Tom Shephard  
Greg Short Christy Brownell  
Melissa Buskey Kyle Short Lexi Dominy  
Gary Goodwin Carol Davenport Bob Mapstone  
Merl Rice Millar Brace  
Chris Oley Jessica Oley Allison Butler*

*Featuring our own Adult Choir and Joyful Sounds, with directors John Spradling and Shirley Mapstone*

*Sets by Pete Shevchuk  
Directed by Rosey Oaks-Lee*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Recent Prayer Requests:

**Al Parker:** Al had a 3-hour procedure this past Wednesday at the V.A. Hospital. He is home now.

**The Kerr Family:** Rev. Bill Kerr passed away Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Please Pray for:

|                     |                             |                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wanda Baker         | Virginia Noble              | Cecile White's Aunt Irene |
| Ken Bex             | Rev. Bill Kerr              | Al Parker                 |
| Dorothy Benor       | Ruth Costello               | Frances Cowles            |
| The Shevchuk Family | Derek Mellor                | The Everly Family         |
| Charles Lincoln     | The Radell Family           | Elmer and Cindy Black     |
|                     | Merl Rice and Flor de Jesus | The Smith Family          |

## PRAISES

*Thanks to my secret pal for the lovely Angel pin and the beautiful night light. I appreciate you thinking of me and I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas! ~Karin Davenport*  
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*Thank you for the fruit after church last Sunday! –Marge Faucett*  
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*To My Church Family: A Merry Christmas to all and a healthy, Happy New Year. May God bless every one of my wonderful family with health and happiness in 2007. Love and prayers, Edith Laning*  
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*Thank you so much ABW for the fruit plate; I do appreciate it.  
–Marge Lincoln*  
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*Dear First Baptist of Manlius: I thank you on behalf of myself and my friend Andrew who you gave financial assistance to in order for us to go to the American Baptist Youth Convention. We enjoyed the convention, and we plan on going to it next year as well. We would also like to thank Pete Shevchuk for taking us and chaperoning us throughout the convention. Thanks again, Doug Barber and Andrew Sattler*  
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Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?  
Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

# Here We Come a Caroling



**Everyone is invited**

Join members of First Baptist Church  
for Christmas Caroling

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

☆ **dress warmly**

☆ **6:15 p.m. meet at the church**

☆ **7:30 p.m. return to church for  
hot chocolate and cookies**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**(Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share)**



**December 2006**

***Poinsettias have been given for the  
beautification of our church sanctuary  
during this Christmas season by:***

- Wanda Baker in memory of Rev. John J. Baker*
- Ken Bex in memory of Elsie Bex.*
- Dick and Nancy Bishop in memory of Rev. John J. Baker.*
- Betsy Burt to the Glory of God and to Trudy Siegenthaler who has given so much to the church.*
- Bob, Jill and Robert Doss for the blessing of wonderful parents and grandparents, Russell and Mary Jane Davis and Robert and Harriett Doss.*
- Carole, Charlie, Derek and Colleen Guynup in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guynup.*
- Rose Huffaker in memory of loved ones.*
- Laura Knaebel in memory of Mary Knaebel.*
- Donald Jeff Loope wish all a Merry Christmas and Mom, we miss you at Church.*
- Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.*
- Shirley and Bob Mapstone in memory of our parents.*
- Wilma Meigel in memory of Charles Meigel (1914-1988) ~ “former Associate Member.”*
- Ann Morales – Merry Christmas from your Secret Pal.*
- Thomas and Ellie Parker in memory of Clayton and Margaret Pigueh and Mr. and Mrs. Parker.*
- The Shevchuk Family wishes a Merry Christmas to all!*

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY, December 17th – Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
- 4:30 p.m. Family, Tom, and Adult Choir Arrive
- 5:00 p.m. Prologue and Pastor Arrive
- 5:15 p.m. Joyful Sounds Choir, Angels, Devin, Ross & Greg Arrive
- 6:00 p.m. Performance of "A Mountain Christmas Memory"

**WEDNESDAY, December 20th**

- 7:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Caroling Tonight – meet at the Church

**THURSDAY, December 21st**

- 6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

**FRIDAY, December 22nd**

- 10:30 a.m. Playschool Christmas Program

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**\*\*No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service or Sunday School this Sunday\*\***

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- 11:00 p.m. Communion Christmas Eve Service

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***\*The Church Office will be closed Monday, Christmas Day and Tuesday, December 26th\****

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**Pastor Leon's Office Hours:**

**Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon**

**Email: [fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**





**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENTION JR. & SR. HIGH:**

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

**Our Plan: Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Anyone with questions may contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678 or email Kathie at: [xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com](mailto:xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com).

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**BW MINISTRIES** - Please remember that we are still collecting Campbell products UPC codes (on the back of cans). There will be no meeting in January.

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**UNITY FELLOWSHIP** – will hold its December meeting on **New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Appetizers will be served in the Library at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Please bring only your table service. Dinner is provided. Following the entertainment, Rich Richardson's fabulous homemade ice cream will be served (before midnight!). **All are invited!!**

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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP?** As a result of 40 Days of Purpose, new small groups may be forming. Are you looking for a small group? If you were not in a small group or your group will not continue to meet, but you would like to be in a small group, contact Betsy Burt (655-2741) or Rosey Oaks-Lee (637-0023).

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**SAM'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP** - Now is the time to give Barbara Richardson a call to receive a membership to Sam's Club through First Baptist Church. The fee is \$35.00. There are 8 openings (first come/first served). So don't delay and give Barb a call today at 632-4384.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR** – For tonight's performance, the Joyful Sounds choir members need to report to the Choir room at 5:15 p.m.

**FINANCIAL NOTES** - This is your friendly reminder to submit all donations for 2006 to the church no later than **Sunday, December 31, 2006**. All bank deposits will be made on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –Carole Guynup, Financial Secretary and Barbara Richardson, Treasurer

**COFFEE FUND** – The coffee fund is hurting and in need of your help! Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to replenish the funds. Please give your donations to Carole Guynup or place in the offering plate marked "Coffee Fund." Thank you very much☺

**HIGHLAND FOREST TRIP** - Don't miss the Annual Highland Forest Trip on Sunday, **January 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m.** at the Lodge. There is no school on Monday! **All ages** gather in the cozy fireplace-heated lodge for an evening of games, food and fellowship. Horse drawn sleigh rides cap off an evening of pure delight for those adventurous to go out in the cold. Be sure to dress warmly. Bring a favorite board game or puzzle and be prepared to teach young and old alike the game. We have the lodge until 11:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite chili, soup or stew to share. Desserts and munchies are also welcomed. Beverages will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Invite your friends and neighbors - all are encouraged to attend:)

