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*Welcome to First Baptist Church  
Manlius, New York*  
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*Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2005*  
*5:00 p.m. Children's Service*

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**PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome** Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee

**Prelude** "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" Tchaikovsky  
Lucy Shephard

**Call to Worship** From Psalm 96

Leader: O Sing to the Lord a new Song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name,  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord,  
and greatly to be praised,  
he is to be revered above all gods.**

**Scripture** Luke 2:1-7

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S BIRTH IN WORD AND SONG**

**Hymn** "Away In a Manger" No. 185

*Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**

Luke 2:8-20

**Hymn**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

No. 193

*O Come, All ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
O Come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him,  
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

**Special Music**

*Carol of the Bells*

Leontovich

Lucy Shephard

**Hymn**

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

No. 184

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.*

**Hymn**            “Angels We Have Heard On High”            No. 192

*Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Telling the Story**

**Hymn**            “O Little Town of Bethlehem”            No. 178

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.*

**Hymn**            “Silent Night, Holy Night”            No. 195

*Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

**Prayer**

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**Choir and Congregation**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #184  
(congregation sings on verse 1 and 3)

\***Singing** *Angels We Have Heard On High* #192  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear* #197

**OUR OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** *Birthday of a King*  
John Spradling and Joyce McCartney, duet

**Prayer of dedication**

**GOD'S WORD**

**Choir Anthem** *When the Angels' Song is Silent* (M.K. Beal)

**Scripture** John 1:1-5, 14

**Meditation** "The Message of the Manger" Pastor Leon



## **THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **\*Passing the Light**

“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the Word was God ... In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:1 & 4-5)

[As the light is passed to you, tip your candle to receive the light. Once lit, hold your candle in an upright position for the next person to light their candle.]

### **\*Singing**

#### *Silent Night*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## **GOING FORTH**

### **\*Hymn**

Joy to the World!

#171

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Organ Postlude**

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>         | <b>Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee</b> |
| <b>Music Director:</b> | <b>John Spradling</b>     |
| <b>Organist:</b>       | <b>Joyce McCartney</b>    |

\*If you are able, please stand.

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*Welcome to First Baptist Church  
Manlius, New York  
~ Christmas Day ~  
Sunday, December 25, 2005 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

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**Gathering Time**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Leader: How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

**People: Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.  
When the LORD returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.**

Leader: Burst into songs of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**People: The LORD will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see  
the salvation of our God.**

**\*Hymn**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

#190

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture**

Luke 2:1-7

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**Carol**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
(verses 1 & 3)

No. 193

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-20 Page1591

**Worshiping God in song**

*Good Christian Men Rejoice* No. 177  
*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 175  
*What Child is This?* No. 180  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 178

**A Reading** Hebrews 1:1-12 Page 1862

**Offering**

**Offertory** Joyce McCartney

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

**Children’s Time**

**Family Prayers** (Joys and Concerns)

**Scripture** Portions of John 1:1-18 Page 1645

**Sermon** Pastor Leon

**\*Hymn** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* No. 170

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Joyce McCartney

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\*If you are able, please stand.

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| <b><u>ABOUT THIS MORNING</u></b> |                                                                       |
| •                                | Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card. |
| •                                | Hearing devices are available from an usher.                          |
| •                                | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Eugene White                                   |
| •                                | <b>Greeting:</b> Trudy Siegenthaler                                   |
| •                                | <b>Ushers:</b> Ken Bex                                                |
| •                                | <b>Child Care:</b> Shirley Mapstone                                   |

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| <b><u>PRAYER AND CARE</u></b> |                                                                     |
| <b>Prayer Needs:</b>          | Please call Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616 to contact the prayer chain. |
| <b>In Case of</b>             | If you or anyone you know is in                                     |



**Emergency:**

need of food in times of sickness or family emergency, please notify Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169.

**Caregiver in Action:**

This week please keep Virginia Noble in your prayers, as well as her Caregiver, Betty Heller.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
John Spradling, Music Director  
Joyce McCartney, Organist  
Elaine LaFollette, Betsy Miller, Secretaries  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
Cindy Mapstone,  
Christian Enrichment Coordinator  
Kathie Shevchuk,  
Christian Enrichment Coordinator  
Shirley Mapstone, Joyful Sounds Director  
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team Director  
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director  
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director



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

- Ken Bex in memory of Elsie F. Bex.***
- Murray and Karen Chesebro in memory of our daughter,  
Sandy Haase.***
- Carol and George Davenport in memory of Wilson  
Worman, John Spry, and our parents.***
- Mrs. Margery Faucett in memory of Harold Faucett.***
- Anne Guild in memory of Robert T. Platten.***
- Carole, Charles, Derek, and Colleen Guynup in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guynup.***
- Al and Sharon Kunsman in memory of Helen and Charles  
Norris and Ray Kunsman.***
- Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.***
- Bob and Shirley Mapstone in memory of our parents,  
Lynn and Emma Mapstone and Carl and Anna Nellis.***
- Wilma Meigel to the Glory of God.***
- Eugene and Cecile White in memory of John Paige and  
Patricia Muller.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unity Fellowship** - will hold its annual New Year's Eve party on **Saturday, December 31st**. Appetizers will be served in the library from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:15 p.m. Elwin Richardson's delicious homemade ice cream will be served at the end of the evening following the entertainment. **All are invited.** The committee is Mapstone, Guynup & Ware.

**Bible Study – Friday's, 9:15 a.m. at Kathie Shevchuk's house;** all are encouraged to attend. Please call Kathie with questions at 682-8678.

**Financial Notes** – Because Christmas and New Year's fall on a Sunday this year, this is your friendly reminder to have your donations in the church office **no later than Thursday, December 29, 2005**, so they can be deposited in the bank by Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –*Carole Guynup*, Financial Secretary

**2006 Offering Envelopes** - are in the Narthex to be picked up.

**2006 Calendars** – are available in the Narthex to take home thanks to Newell-Fay, Eaton-Tubbs, and Russell Schepp & Son funeral homes.

**Sam's Club** – If anyone is interested in having a membership to Sam's Club through First Baptist Church (\$30 for the year), please contact Barbara Richardson at 656-3480 as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Martha Trivelpiece needs help with the shoveling of her walk to the mailbox and near her back door after Christmas. If you are interested in helping out Martha, please give her a call at home to make arrangements with her (682-8932).

**Unity Fellowship** - There will be no meeting in January.



## **NEW BABY!!**

*Congratulations to John and Kim Granata for the birth of their son, Micah*

*John*

*Monday, December 19, 2005*

*11:35 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.*

Please keep them in your prayers☺

## **A Note from Edith Laning**

(dated 12/7/05)

*“Dear Church Family—Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year to everyone. Life is handing me a bit of a change, but I know the Lord is watching. Love and blessing, Edith.”*

## **Update on Edith Laning’s Surgery**

(dated 12/20/05 6:40 p.m.)

*The surgery appears to have been quite successful - the surgeon feels he got all of the cancer and it had not spread anywhere. My mom is in the ICU just as a precaution overnight - her vital signs look good, and barring difficulties she should be moved to a regular recuperation ward tomorrow. Please convey my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have kept her in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely, Ray Laning*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **Requests which came in this week:**

**The Knaebel Family** – Mary Knaebel passed away in Ohio on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Knaebel family in your prayers.

**From the Worship Committee** – Pray that preparations for the new worship service will go smoothly and that we'll all see God in the details.

**Rosa Cano’s Mother** – passed away Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Please Pray for:**

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wanda Baker                      | Virginia Noble            |
| Rosa's husband and daughter      | Rev. Bill Kerr            |
| Steve Poole                      | Cecile White's Aunt Irene |
| Laura Dominy, Al's sister        | Mary Ann                  |
| Willis Calkins                   | Pete                      |
| John (Joni Dominy's brother)     | Martha Trivelpiece        |
| Alene King                       | Eugene White              |
| Bob Mapstone (home recuperating) | Al Parker                 |

**PRAISES**

*Thank you for the pretty poinsettia and lovely fruit basket and also for the many cards I have received. Special thanks to Joni's Sunday School children for the pretty Christmas card. May God bless all of you this lovely Holiday Season.*

*–Martha Trivelpiece*

*Many thanks for all the cards, calls, and visits I have received while recuperating from my accident. I hope to see you soon.*

*–Bob Mapstone*

*Thank you, Joyful Sounds and parents for the very generous gift certificate I received for Christmas. I love you all.*

*–Shirley Mapstone*

*I have a great Secret Pal. Thank you for all the lovely gifts I've enjoyed this year.*

*–Shirley Mapstone*

*Thank you to the Children of our Sunday School for the poinsettia plant and fruit arrangement. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.*

*–Ruth Costello*

*I wish to thank the ABW of my church for the fruit you sent to me. It was so thoughtful of you. Sincerely, Mildred Babcock*

*Many thanks for the generous basket of fruit I received for Christmas. –Margery Faucett*

*"Thank you so much for the thoughtful gifts throughout this past year: the lighthouse light, the Thanksgiving towels, the lighthouse hand towel & pot holder, and the lighthouse wind chimes. They are all so lovely and will look great at our cottage. May you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!"*

*–Carol Davenport*

*Madeline MacLinden would like to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia plant she received.*

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*The staff at First Baptist Church would like to thank the congregation for their generous donation in appreciation of what we do. We are very blessed to work for such a thoughtful, caring body of Christ. God bless each of you.*



**ABW Ministries** - There will not be an ABW meeting in January. Our next meeting will be a White Cross Work meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. A 4-week Lenten Bible Study series will begin on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the library. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study.

Thanks to all those who save Campbell labels and cancelled stamps. Dr. David Vila sends his thanks for all the stamps we've sent him. With the sale of the stamps, he is able to buy and distribute Spanish bibles and other literature. Please keep both labels and stamps coming.

**NEW YEAR – NEW SERVICE – NEW SCHEDULE**

**Two weeks** from now, on **January 8, 2006**, our Contemporary Service will start at **8:30 a.m.** What a great way to begin the New Year. Pick a style or time that is just right for you and join us as we praise and honor God at First Baptist Church. The new schedule is:

**8:30 a.m. NEW! Contemporary  
Worship**  
**9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all  
ages**  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**

**ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, January 22, 2006**  
**(After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service)**

**Attention all Board Secretaries and Committee Chairs:** It would be extremely helpful if all Annual Reports (except for end-of-the year financial reports) be emailed to the church office (fbcman@twcny.lrr.com) or placed in the secretary's mail slot by Christmas. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

**FATHER-SON BANQUET**

**January 21, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**PRIME RIB & FOOTBALL**

**(does it get better than that?!)**

**First Baptist Church (in the gym)**

**Reservations are a must!**

**Tickets are sold January 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> before and after both worship services or call Kathie Shevchuk for reservations at 682-8678**

**REAL MEN: \$10.00**

**Boys (10 and under): \$7.00**

**Boys (3 and under): FREE!!**

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**First Baptist Church - HOLIDAY BOWLING**

**Everyone is Invited**

**NO AGE LIMIT**

**Friends & Family**



**December 30, 2005**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Erie Blvd.**

**Bowling Center**

Cost: \$7.00 per person /2games

\$10.00 per person /3 games

- includes shoe rental
- food available for purchase

Reserve your spot by calling

Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678 by 12/28

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**HIGHLAND FOREST TRIP**

**Sunday, January 15, 2006 ~ 7-11 pm**

*Please join our church family for a wonderful night of warm food, fellowship and sleigh rides. We have reserved the Skyline Lodge for dinner and game playing. Sleigh rides run every 30 minutes from 8:00-10:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for us to celebrate the wonders of God's great creation while learning more about each other. Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors and extended family as well. Bring lots of warm clothing, a board game, a snack or dessert to share, and sleds and/or tubes for sledding!! If you have any questions, please call Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616.*

