

LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church

Stand as a Signal

AN ADVENT SONG OF ASCENTS WORSHIP SERIES



For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

THE LORD'S DAY
DECEMBER 4TH, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday December 4th

- ◆ Join us for worship in-person at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

Wednesday December 7th

- ◆ BRBC Family Prayer Hour at 7:30 pm on Zoom

SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Wednesday December 14th at 7:30 pm the General Meeting for the 2023 Budget and Nominating Committee reports. In-person or Zoom.
- ◆ Sunday December 18th please join us for a Christmas Lunch following the service.
- ◆ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday December 24th at 7:30 pm.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

To follow the daily Advent Devotional from Lutheran Seminary, go to <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/> If you would like a hard copy of the Advent Devotional, please contact the office.

BLYTHWOOD OUT OF THE COLD

The 2022-2023 Season has started with Blythwood OOTC operating out of the Seeds of Hope, 6 St. Joseph Street. We will be serving a hot meal, and offering clothing, and food from the Seeds of Hope food bank.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and generous donors.
 To donate to the Blythwood OOTC outreach please go to:
https://www.blythwood.org/index.php/ooc_donation

LIFE AT BLYTHWOOD



Thursday, November 23rd Bible Study

BRBC CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS



* Blythwood Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Christmas Carol Concert 7:30 pm * Kylie Hurlburt * Elizabeth White	3 Ruth Nayler Memorial Service 11 am Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
4 Second Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am The Lord's Supper Benevolent Offering	5	6 * Bev Matthews	7 Family Prayer Hour 7:30 pm on Zoom	8 * Nora Webster	9 * Charis Brown-Tobias	10 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
11 Third Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	12	13 The Connections 11:30 am	14 General Meeting 7:30 pm In-person & on Zoom	15	16	17 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	19	20	21	22 * Daniel Ralph	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
25 Christmas Day In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	26 Boxing Day	27	28 * Bill McKechnie	29 * Byron Smith * Elizabeth Glover	30	31 New Years Eve Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm

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WELCOME

TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to worship on this second Sunday of Advent! We gather to anticipate the joy of God's coming — at Bethlehem, in our hearts and at the end of days. Welcome to Blythwood.

Today we celebrate **The Lord's Supper**. All who are seeking to respond to God through faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the spiritual nourishment offered in the bread and the cup. The **Benevolent Offering** received today will go to CBOQ Ministers Fellowship Fund.

PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

Please remember the members of our Blythwood Family who are living in care: Norma Bowers and Jim Kemp.

THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent

Christmas

Epiphany

Lent

Easter

Pentecost

Ordinary Time

In the Church Year this is the season of **Advent**. Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word “**advent**” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” During **Advent** we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second coming. Robert Webber explains **Advent** as, “a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified.”

BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ◆ The church accepts donations by online e-transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address treasurer@blythwood.org
- ◆ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website www.blythwood.org
- ◆ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form office@blythwood.org
- ◆ You may also mail your envelope directly to Vilma Barredo, our Church Treasurer, at her home. If you require Vilma's address please refer to your church directory or contact our office manager, Jennifer Frank.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25

Adolfo De Santis

Gesù Bambino

GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood

Pastor David Thomas

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Osmany and Liz Tostao

Call to Worship (from Psalm 72)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; MENDELSSOHN)

Greeting

Christmas Offering

(Paul Baloche ©2003)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997, from a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1182-1226; CHANNEL OF PEACE)

WORD

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-20, Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-7

Sermon: “Stand As a Signal”

RESPONSE

Musical Reflection

The holly and the ivy

Prayers of God's People

Kumbaya

(Traditional; Additional stanzas by Barry Moore ©1973)

The Lord's Table

SENDING

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

(Edmund H. Sears. 1810-1876; CAROL C.M.D)

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude: *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*



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www.blythwood.org/index.php/sermons

SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with Lilian Yang, CBM National Field Staff in the Golden Triangle Region.

My greetings to all of you!

The Golden Triangle is celebrating the thanksgiving season, with many churches thanking God for their harvest and praising Him for His provision and protection throughout the year.

Another year of challenges has nearly come to an end. In spite of these difficulties, God's mercy and love for his people continue to amaze us. God is faithful to his people. As we worked with local ministries this year, we saw God's guidance and His love. This is also the time when we plan for next year. We are excited about the mission projects in Golden Triangle as they continue to grow. This year, we have begun a new project in Myanmar. This is a sewing training project for women in Myanmar. The purpose of this project is to empower women with sewing skills and provide them with more employment opportunities. A class of 12 women has been in session since October. A new project will also be launched with our partner Operation Dawn in Northern Thailand next year. We are supporting local rehabilitation ministries and discipleship training through this project. It is exciting to see how God will use this project to bless people. The border between Thailand and Myanmar remains closed. Myanmar's political unrest continues to challenge its people. There are still about 50% of TBTI (Thailand Bethel Theological Institute) students that must attend classes online. The second semester of TBTI began in October, where we continue to train young Christians for their future ministries. Please join us in prayer to thank God for His faithfulness. And I would like to invite you to continue praying for us and our ministries in the Golden Triangle. Through the link, you can find out more prayer requests. I appreciate your continued prayers and support. May God bless you all.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray:

- Please pray for the country and people of Myanmar, that God's mercy and peace come upon them.
- We need your prayers for our new sewing training project in Myanmar. Please pray that every woman who receives the training will be able to access better job opportunities. As our partner Pastor James runs this project during a challenging time, please pray for his safety.
- Please pray for 2023 mission projects in the Golden Triangle. Through these projects, may God's will be accomplished and His name be glorified.
- Please pray for our new Operation Dawn project as it assists people in overcoming drug addiction and strengthening their faith through Discipleship Training.
- Please pray for the development project for Lahu villages in Myanmar. Pray that more villages will be able to access the Gospel and live in better conditions.
- Please pray for TBTI. As the second semester begins, pray that God will give wisdom and guidance to all teachers and students. Pray that God will strengthen local theological ministries to train more young Christians.
- Please pray for my family and me as well. Please pray for us to have good health and wisdom as we serve with local churches and organizations in order to make a difference through our ministries.