# welcome to the First Baptist Church

of McMinnville, Oregon

Together we respond to the call of the Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to learn, love, serve, and seek justice and joy for all.

Prelude - How Far Is It to Bethlehem & Still, Still, Still, arr. by Manz; Advent Prayer by Stairs

Welcome & Greeting One Another - Rev. Erika Marksbury

Advent Candlelighting & Litany

## Christmas Pageant: Sing With Us! The Christmas Story

FBC Choir, Bells, & Children & Youth

Henry & Lauren Anderson, Eowyn Clayton, Keira & Zander Dressel, Albert Huff, Oscar & Beckett Marksbury Page, Esther Richards, Parker & Sybil Williams

Prayers of Joy & Concern

**Closing Words** 

Going Forth Song: Go, Tell It On the Mountain, NC Hymnal #154

Benediction

Postlude - March Jubilant by Sheppard

Thanks to Muriel Dresser, organist; Geoff Clayton, pianist;
Marilyn Dresser, pageant director; and the FBC Choir, Bell Choir,
and Children & Youth for leading today's music.



## Our Statement of Welcome & Affirmation

The First Baptist Church of McMinnville is a creative, thoughtful, inclusive American Baptist congregation. Following the example of Jesus, the urging of the Spirit, the call of God, the challenge of the prophets, the legacy of those who have gone before us, and the insistence of our own consciences, we affirm the dignity and worth of all creation. As we proclaim and work toward the reign of justice and peace, we welcome all people. We rejoice in our diversity and seek to understand our differences as ways of more fully encountering the beauty and complexity of the image of God. We commit to creating a community where people of all ages, abilities, genders, gender expressions, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, nationalities, experiences, backgrounds, and situations are celebrated as full participants, as together we strive to be faithful followers and proclaimers of Good News.





























### This Week's Events

Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent Fellowship time - Children, Youth and Families will host in the Gathering Room

5-6:30pm - MYC Christmas Party at FPC

Monday, December 19 9am - STARS Breakfast 11:30am - Dying Well 7pm - Care & Concern

Tuesday, December 20

3pm - Meditation

7pm - KnitWits at Gina's

7pm - Winter Solstice Ceremony

Music & Meditation, Poetry & Story, Candle Lighting
on Zoom - contact kathleenverigin333@gmail.com for link

Wednesday, December 21
7pm - Service of Remembrance
A time of song, silence, and prayer in the Fireplace Room
Evening Sister Circle

Thursday, December 22 7:30pm Worship Team

Friday, December 23
9am - STARS Breakfast
7:30pm-7:30am - Community Shelter

### December Events

Saturday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE 7 pm - Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary Come in your pajamas for singing, sharing, and stations!

> Monday, December 26 Holiday observed - office closed 9am - STARS Breakfast 7pm - Together Works

> > Tuesday, December 27
> > 3pm - Meditation

Wednesday, December 28
3pm - Meditation
7pm - Sister Circle

*Thursday, December 29* Music Rehearsals resume January 5.

Friday, December 30
9am - STARS Breakfast
12n - Bible Study
7:30pm-7:30am - Community Shelter

Have a Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day Worship Pastor Erika preaching - her last prior leaving on sabbatical.

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