



December  
3<sup>rd</sup>,  
2023

**Worship in Song:**

**Hymn #243 Emmanuel**

**Hymn #245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Announcements and Prayer

Ministering in Music – Peggy Cavallero

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Offering – Jim Veith

*If you are a guest with us today, please accept this service as our gift to you, and feel free to pass the offering plate by.*

**Worship in Song: Hymn #259 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

*Children ages 4-11 are dismissed to Junior Church during this song.*

Ministry of the Word of God: Pastor Dan Drake

*“Christ-like Thinking at Christmas” – Philippians 2:5-11*

*Page 1043 in your pew Bible.*

**Worship in Song: Hymn #284 The Birthday of a King**

*Celebrating the Lord’s Table with Communion*

**Worship in Song: Hymn #627 Cares Chorus**

*You are invited to join us for a fellowship dinner in the gym following this morning’s worship service.*



**PASTOR DAN’S CHALLENGE FOR 2023:**

Consider using your gifts to serve in one of our church ministries this year! If you would like more information about what ministries are available, please see Pastor Dan.

– 1 Peter 4:10-11



**December Church Covenant**

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the public confession of our faith, having been immersed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We purpose, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in

knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to attend its services regularly to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to give it sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to give faithfully of time and talent in its activities; to contribute cheerfully and regularly as God has prospered us to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotions; to train our children according to the Word of God; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to avoid all gossip, backbiting, and unrighteous anger; to abstain from all forms of activity which dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer, or hinder the winning of a soul to Christ; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ, our Savior, and give Him preeminence in all things.

We further purpose to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord’s return; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to seek it without delay.

**THE TEENS AND THE 4-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADES WILL BE COMBINING THEIR** Sunday School classes on December 17<sup>th</sup> to work on cards of encouragement for our shut-ins.

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Annual Reports are due December 17<sup>th</sup>,** please email the office at [fbcrofficesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fbcrofficesecretary@gmail.com) or leave it in writing in the secretary’s mailbox.

**THERE WILL BE NO AWANA AND YOUTH GROUP ON DECEMBER** 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will resume January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THERE IS A BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM.**

*Welcome!*

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out this sheet and to place it in the offering plate, later in the service.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am looking for a small group Bible study for fellowship, encouragement, and growth.
- I would like to get involved in serving in some way in our church, please give me a call.
- I am currently looking for a church home.
- I want to get baptized or become a member at this time.
- I would appreciate a phone call from the pastor.
- I would request prayer from our pastor for the following:

# Upcoming Events

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Communion & Fellowship Dinner

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Awana/YG Christmas Party

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Budget Committee meeting and LT meeting

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – No Awana/YG

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Baptism Service, Food Basket Collection complete

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – No Prayer Meeting

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – No Awana/YG

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve service 5 pm



**December 26<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>** – Church offices closed

**December 26<sup>th</sup>** – No Ladies Bible study

**December 27<sup>th</sup>** – No Prayer Meeting

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** – No Awana/YG

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** – Church Offices Closed

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** – New Year's Eve party at Seth & Julie Decker's home

**Offertory Ushers 12/3:** Rich Anderson, Rick Martin, Alberto Perez, Andy Skold

**Offertory Ushers 12/10:** Ray VanHeusen, Owen Drake, Sam Drake, Derek Westervelt



## OUR ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE WILL BE ON

December 17<sup>th</sup> during the fellowship time following the service. Please bring 5 dozen cookies, along with the recipe to share and a container to

bring home 60 cookies. There is a signup sheet in the lobby, please be sure to note what type of cookie you are making to ensure variety. If you would like to make an extra dozen, Sarah Fernandez has offered to deliver them to our local police station.

## YOU ARE INVITED! SETH AND JULIE DECKER WILL BE HOSTING

a New Year's Eve party in their home on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please dress warmly, bring a finger food/dessert to share, and your Christmas tree to burn! Contact Julie at 845-389-2510 for more info and to RSVP.



## THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS MAKING CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

to share during the Christmas season. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please bring in your food by December 17<sup>th</sup>. When choosing an item size, please plan for families of four or more. We would like to make 10 baskets. We will be including a gift card to a local grocery store for meat, if you would like to contribute monetarily, please see Daneth. Non-perishable items can be purchased anytime and left in the kitchen with a label stating Christmas baskets. Please plan to purchase fresh items closer to the donation date of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see Christine Koepf or Debbie Benjamin for more info.

A list of suggested donations are as follows:

- Stuffing
- 1 lb. Fresh Carrots
- Canned Gravy
- Chicken Broth
- Nuts
- 5 lbs. Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Dried Cranberries
- Cranberry Sauce
- Candy Canes
- Christmas Cookies/dessert
- Christmas Candy



## First Baptist Church of Rhinebeck

**“Proclaiming Christ to the Hudson Valley and around the World”**

Adult Life Groups and Sunday

School for all Ages: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 7:00 PM

The following are held September - May:

Friday Night Programs from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM as follows:

Awana: Pre-school – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Teen Youth Ministry: Grades 7-12

## The Lord Jesus Christ – Savior and Shepherd

Daniel Drake, Under Shepherd

Deacons: Gary Decker, Seth Decker,

Juan Alberto Perez and Ray Van Heusen

Deacon Emeritus: Ed Madsen

Ministry Assistants Serving on the Leadership Team for 2023:

Dan Benjamin and Jim Veith

**Church Website:** [www.firstbchrhinebeck.org](http://www.firstbchrhinebeck.org)

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## THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

starting at 5:00 pm is a great outreach event for family and friends! We will have a brief service with lots of Christmas Carols, Scripture reading, and the beautiful story of our Savior's birth and redemption of man.



**WE WILL BE HAVING A BAPTISMAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about it, please see Pastor Dan.