

WELCOME

We Reserve the Right to Accept Everyone.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

- ♥ Childcare is provided in the education center downstairs.
- ♥ Hearing assistance receivers are available from an usher.
- ♥ Following worship, join one another for a reception period downstairs.
- ♥ As a hospitality to visitors, a tour of the historic Meeting House will be conducted at 12:15 PM beginning in the downstairs Manning Room.
- ♥ Our pastor and deacons welcome the opportunity to speak with you about your interest in church membership. Come to the Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Activities

Sun.	11:00	AM	Worship Service
	12:15	PM	Guided Tour
Wed.	1:30	PM	Spirituality Group
Thurs.	6:00	PM	Spirituality Group
	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal

Worship Participants

Greeters:	Mickey and Mark Hall
Ushers:	Emily and Zach Martin
Tour Guide:	Stan Lemons

Ministry Staff

Minister	Jamie P. Washam
Minister of Music	Stephen T. Martorella
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The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in AMERICA

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ROGER WILLIAMS
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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, December 04, 2016
Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Preludes Three Advent Chorales Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome Kenneth Long

* Invocation

In the lonely places, the wilderness
Where we stand forlorn, windswept and alone
Your voice calls out

Prepare a way for the Lord

In the dark places, the shadows
Where we hide our fears, embrace our tears
Your voice calls out

Prepare a way for the Lord

*Because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace. Luke 1:78-79*

As the rising sun comes to us each dawn

Shine upon those who live in darkness

That all might know the joy of salvation

The forgiveness of sins

And your great mercy

For the desert places in which we walk

The streets we roam, the paths we cross

Guide our feet

Take us to places where you would go

Give us words that you would use

That in this season of promise and preparation

We might point the way with John the Baptist

To Jesus, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

~ John Birch, adapted

Kindling the Advent Light Dianne and Edgar Thyret

*Hymn 134 The King of Glory Comes *Promised One*

Greeting One Another

Announcements

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12

Anthem On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Puer nobis*
Trier, 15th century, setting by Michael Praetorius, 1609

Prayers of the People

Children's Message

*Hymn 451 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy *Arise*

Preaching *Turn and Let it Burn* Pastor Jamie Washam

Offertory The King Shall Come (*Morning Song*) Christian Cosas

*Doxology *Old Hundredth*
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication

Observance of the Lord's Supper

*Parting Hymn 144 The Hands That First Held Mary's Child
Kingsfold

*Commission and Blessing

*Choral Benediction *Aaronic Benediction* Julian Wachner

* Postlude Prelude and Fugue in C Minor
from *Well Tempered Clavier, Bk II*
Johann Sebastian Bach

Offering: A Deacon's Fellowship Offering for those in need will be taken today as you exit the church.