

*First Baptist Church
Forest City, NC
Christmas Day
December 25, 2011*



At the Nativity Scene

The Reading of Scripture Luke 2:1-20
Brandi Powers

Hymn *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

Call to Worship

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of you.

Zechariah 2:10-11

In the Sanctuary

[Processional Hymn 173](#) *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Verses 1, 3, and 4 ADESTE FIDELIS

Invocation, Lord's Prayer and Gloria Patri (805)

A Musical Offering *Ding Dong Merrily on High*
The Youth Handbell Choir arr. Stephenson

Sermon *Reflections on the Empire* Barry Keys
Luke 2:1-20

[Hymn 146](#) *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory *Still, Still, Still / In the Bleak Midwinter*
arr. Nelson

Benediction

A Parting Affirmation *Hallelujah!* Handel
From *Messiah*