

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. J. Chris Michael

(Please sign your name &amp; address in the red fellowship pad.)

Bringing of the Light

Parker Webb

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Anna Travis

Prelude

*He is Born, the Divine Christ Child*

arr. Lawson

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

Traditional French Carol

**\*Call to Worship**

Doug and Brenda Hoyt

One: As we gather around the Advent wreath today, we rejoice that Christmas is a time of prayer and of open hearts when we sing songs of joy.

**All: Christmas is a time of worship – the moment when the busiest of us pause in wonder. Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus.**

**One: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.**

**All: With the coming of this light there is love. Such great love helps us to love God and one another.**

\*Hymn

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer** (using "debts" and "debtors")

Children's Blessing

Rev. Michael

**First Scripture**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Choir Message

*Sing Gloria, Sing Noel!*

Raney

Emily Malone, soloist; Mike Tichenor, Choir Director

Second Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Family Tradition*

Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

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**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory

*The First Noel*

arr. Schwarz

Traditional English Carol

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

**RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.

You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers. **Gluten Free option available on tray.**

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution

Chris Gaddis

Communion Hymn

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Chris Gaddis

Communion Music

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Gloria Baker; arr. Wagner

Handbell Choir directed by Connie Ford

Serving the Bread and Cup

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

Rev. Michael

**All: And also with you.**

\*Choral Benediction

*Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain only)*

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\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Please turn off electronic devices and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

## SERVING SCHEDULE

Elders: **Chris Gaddis and Shannon Divine** Elder serving the hospital: **Rev. Bonnie Brown**

Deacons: **Eric Farmer, Blake & Missie Hayden, Brenda & Doug Hoyt, Matt Johnson, Joseph & Meghan McKinley, Abbe Quisenberry, Patrick & Michelle Whitmer**

Youth Deacon: **Addie Slone Travis**

Worship & Wonder Storyteller: **Missie Hayden** Shepherd: **Elizabeth Yager**

### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### SUNDAY, December 22 – Advent 4

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am FCC Café

10:30 am Sunday School

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, December 24

Office closed

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### WEDNESDAY, December 25 - Christmas

Office Closed

### SUNDAY, December 29

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal

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### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

5:00 PM

Come and bring your family and friends to a candlelight worship service with Christmas readings and special music.

Mark Your Calendar

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal

December 29 at 11:30 AM

Pizza, salad, and dessert!

### West Area Ski-Thing

January 24-25

Registration forms in the office.  
Deadline to register is January 10.

# First Christian Church

## Owensboro, Kentucky



*"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."*

December 22, 2019