

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are pleased that you chose to worship with us. Here, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds in the Nursery while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer Worship and Wonder, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing."

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way:

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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

*CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;
 FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 24
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, December 25
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday, December 26
 Church office closed!

Wednesday, December 27
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, December 28
 1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, December 29
Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 30

Announcements

Christmas Eve Evening Service is tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Church Office will be closed on 12/25 and 12/26 to celebrate Christmas!

No Youth group until January 3, 2024

Merry Christmas, everyone!



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Christmas Eve Morning
 December 24, 2023

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"He is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

French Carol

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship John Burns

One: Come everyone, come to Bethlehem!

ALL: Come to Bethlehem, and celebrate a newborn child with Mary and Joseph.

One: Come to Bethlehem, and rejoice that God's symbol of love is a tiny, helpless baby.

ALL: Come to Bethlehem, and sing praises with the shepherds for what God has done.

One: Come to Bethlehem, and fall silent in awe and wonder. Jesus is born. God's Word lives!

ALL: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn 151**

"The First Noel" vs 1-3

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Candle of Joy

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder
(Located at the end of the first floor education wing.)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music

"Christmas Sanctus"
Dengler

Song of the Season Rev. Chris Michael

Hymn #153 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #147**

"Away in a Manger"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish carol

arr. Anthony Giamanco

*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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion Bonnie Brown & Francie Miller

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Cherry Tree Carol"

English carol

arr. Anthony Giamanco

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Please stand, if you are able.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 And you beneath life's crushing load
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way,
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years,
shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.