



First Christian Church

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1ST Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2020

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Call to Worship Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* – vs. 1 No. 125

***Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.***

The Lighting of the Advent Candle The Burross Family

Unison Prayer:

O God, we thank you that Jesus brought hope into our world. By the good news of the Bible you still bring hope to people. Help us to be ready to welcome Jesus so that we may think good thoughts, do good deeds, and so be a people of hope in our world today. Amen.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

Scripture Jeremiah 23:5
Anthem *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Chancel Ringers

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Anthem *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Emily & Tyler Thomas, violins

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9
Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Debbie Watson, organ

Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6
Anthem *Every Valley* Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 1:46-55
Anthem *Breath of Heaven* Emily & Tyler Thomas, violins

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Message/Lighting of the Chrismon Tree

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Meditation

Proclamation And Exhortation (Luke 3:1-20)

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Richard Phillips

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Woody Gossom & Jerry Johnson

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table

Claire Baer

Closing Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel – vs. 1

No. 135

***Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.***

Benediction

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Steve Holland (husband of Kaye Holland) given by Kerry & Sharon Roach, Peggy Fitts, Craig & Sheila Reynolds.

In memory of Gretchen Bridgman, Glorie Steele, Mary Beth Wyatt, Dolly Sloan and Phyllis Lewis given by Peggy Fitts.

Sermon Notes

1. The most intriguing Bible characters

2. Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

3. Filled with expectation

4. The advance team

5. Isenheim altarpiece (Matthias Grünewald)

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
8:40 am	Drive-In Worship Service	East Parking Lot
9:30 am	Sunday School	In Person & Zoom
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture Devotional	Email
10:45 am	Worship "Hanging of the Greens"	Sanctuary/ Livestream
4:00 pm	Advent Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 30		
	Children Come First "CCF" CLOSED Until Dec. 3 rd	
9:00am–12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 1		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
11:00 am	Whirlwind Cluster Ministers' Meeting	Nocona TX
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, December 2		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Zoom
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship & Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, December 3		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Thursday & Friday)	
9:00–9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00–10:30 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
7:00 pm	Storytime with Claire	Livestream
Friday, December 4		
8:55–10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00–10:30 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, December 5		
1:00 pm	Filming of the Children's Advent Video	Fellowship Hall

Our Sock Tree

For the 25th year the Sock Tree for Fain Elementary School students is up in the church office. This year we will be decorating it with colorful socks, hats, gloves and kids pajamas!

The Fain counselor has listed pajamas as a need they have year-round, so the Outreach Ministry decided the sock tree would be a great time for anyone who wants to help with that can. The pj's can be for boys or girls, size 6 to about 16 (probably smaller sizes will be needed more).

What's Your Favorite Hymn

Our organist would like to include your favorite hymn in the worship service on Sunday mornings. Please give us your name, hymn title, and then in 25 words or less, tell us why this hymn is special to you.

You can email your hymn information to susan@firstchristianwf.com, you can leave it in the pew on Sunday morning, or you can bring it to the church office.