



# First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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**3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020**

## THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Call to Worship Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Opening Hymn *Joy to the World* – vs. 1 & 3 No. 143

***Joy to the world; the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love.***

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Billy & Cheryl Smiley and Hailey Wilks

Unison Prayer:

**O Holy One, as Christmas draws near, there is a sense of excitement in the air. We can feel a joy in our lives and see it in those around us. But we know that for some, life's unhappy things have made joy is hard to find. Give us the joy that does not depend on earthly happiness but on your grace. Fill us with that joy so that we may share it with a joyless world, we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Isaiah 51:1-11 Claire Baer

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

**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.**

Anthem *"Christmas Joy"* – arr. Helman Chancel Ringers

Sermon *Awake, Awake!* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Linda C. Carr

Prayers for the Bread & Cup David Collins and Andy Wilson

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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* – vs. 1 No. 150

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

Benediction Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude Debbie Watson

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Burt Lauck (brother of Ted Lauck) given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

In memory of Everette Brown (father of Shirley Craft) given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

In memory of Exie Nicholas given by Amy Churchill.

The poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24.

## POINSETTIAS 2020

John Bridgman in memory of Gretchen Bridgman.  
John Bridgman in memory of Chuck & Neva Bridgman.  
John Bridgman in memory of Tom & Marie Green.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Bobby & Mary Lee Todd.  
Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Bobby & Lois Burross.  
Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Elmer Jones.

Sandra Ketchum in memory of Lanny Ketchum.  
Sandra Ketchum in honor of my grandchildren.  
Sandra Ketchum in honor of my great-grandchildren.

Twila Boydston in memory of Mathew Embry and all loved ones who have lost their fight to COVID-19.

Jim Hay in memory of my mother, Rubye Hay.  
Jim Hay in honor of my wife, Sandy Hay.  
Jim Hay in honor of my son and daughter-in-law, Brad & Pam Featherston.  
Jim Hay in honor of my grandchildren: Libby, Luke and Reece.  
Jim Hay in memory of my in-law's, Vern & Lavisia Harrison.

Curtis Sullivan in memory of Sherry Sullivan.

Robert & Cindy Hernandez in memory of Alice & Norman Howland and Bea Hernandez.  
Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of Robert Hernandez.  
Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of Melanie, Allison & Drew.

Kenn Hill & Shirley Craft in memory of E.L. & Elizabeth Brown.  
Kenn Hill & Shirley Craft in memory of W.L. & Marie Hill.  
Kenn Hill & Shirley Craft in honor of our children: Jeff, Allison, Mike & Brigitte.  
Kenn Hill & Shirley Craft in honor of FCC Staff.

Karen J. Watson in honor of Lita Huggins Watson.  
Karen J. Watson in memory of Earl F. Watson.

Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in honor of Dorothy Montgomery.  
Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in memory of James Irl Montgomery.  
Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in honor of Nick & Linda Gipson.  
Elizabeth Henry & Clayton Tompkins in memory of Brent Stratten.

Emily Wilson in honor and in memory of loved ones.  
Emily Wilson in honor of our Church Staff and Executive Council.

Lynette Gill in memory of my daughter, Amy Renae Poirot.  
Lynette Gill in memory of my mother, Kathryn Henke.  
Lynette & Paul Gill in honor of our daughters: Andrea, Angela, Franci and their families.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of Forest Kunkle.  
Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of Beverly Kunkle.  
Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of Bill Jansen.

Kerry & Sharon Roach in memory of Betty & Jack Roach and Mike & Faye Tellingier.

Diana Costello in memory of John Costello Jr..  
Diana Costello in honor of my grandchildren: Jack, Ellie, Jacob, Ollie, Grace, Lee, Caroline.  
Diana Costello in memory of Pat Lauck.

Cherry Baker Medina in honor of the Choir.

Gary & Kim Ballard in honor of our granddaughter, Clara Grace Dabbs.

Gary & Kim Ballard in honor of our children: Kevin Ballard, Kalyn & Blake Dabbs.

Gary & Kim Ballard in memory of our parents, Virginia (Allen) & Odell Ballard and P.D. & Oleta Vaught.

Ronnie & Colleen James in memory of Chris James.

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Sean James.

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Cindy (James) Blades.

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Amy James.

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Mike Drye.

Susan Marrs in memory of my parents, Madra & Furman Marrs Jr..

Susan Marrs in honor of the wonderful and loving FCC members.

Craig & Sheila Reynolds in memory of Mildred Dinnin.

Craig Reynolds in memory of Brad Curtis.

Susan, John & Ainslee in honor of Kay & Richard McQuiston.

David & Stacey Strickland in memory of Michael Fagan.

David & Stacey Strickland in memory of Juanell Strickland.

David & Stacey Strickland in memory of our Grandparents.

Annetta Vaccarella in memory of Family who are gone.

Annetta Vaccarella in honor of Family living.

Terry & Karen Burross in memory of Bobby & Lois Burross, Elmer Jones, and Mary Preator.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Veron Whiting.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Overman.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Don & Audrey LaValley.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Bill & Sally Watkins.

Jim & Karen LaValley in honor of Meredith LaValley.

Sam Maynor in memory of Todd Clark Pullam.

Sam Maynor in memory of John Richard Maynor.

Pam & Jerry Johnson in honor of our children: Kristin & Trey, Lauren, Kyle & Presley.

Pam & Jerry Johnson in honor of our grandchildren: Jack & Caroline, Paige & Lilly.

Larry & Treva Spradley in honor of the Journey through Scripture Group.

Larry & Treva Spradley in honor of Ministry and Staff of First Christian Church.

Ann Hunter in honor of the Keystone Class.

David & Cathy Gately in memory of L. Neil & Elizabeth Gately and Robert L. & Helen Storer.

David & Cathy Gately in honor of Amy & Joe Inabinette; Ryan Beare and Jackson Beare.

David & Cathy Gately in honor of Neil & Jennifer Gately; Luke Gately and Paige Gately.

## Sermon Notes

### 1. The most annoying alarm

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### 2. Disorienting transitions

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### 3. Fragments of Zion

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### 4. Not yet finished

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### 5. The dawning of a new day

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OFFERING		
8:40 am	Drive-In Worship Service	East Parking Lot
9:30 am	Sunday School	In Person & Zoom
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, December 14		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
8:55–10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 15		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00–11:00 am	YAS Music (Tues. & Wed.)	Room 220
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, December 16		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:55–10:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00–9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
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
6:00 pm	Children's Advent Video Premieres	Facebook/ YouTube
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship & Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
Thursday, December 17		
9:00–9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00 am	YAS Christmas Parties	Classrooms
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
7:00 pm	Storytime with Claire	Livestream
Friday, December 18		
8:55–10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 220
10:00 am	YAS Christmas Parties	Classrooms
Saturday, December 19		

## Our Sock Tree

For the 25<sup>th</sup> year the Sock Tree for Fain Elementary School students is up in the church office. We will be decorating it with colorful socks, hats, gloves and kids pajamas—the pj's can be for boys or girls, size 6 to about 16 (probably smaller sizes will be needed more)! **The donated items will be taken to Fain on December 14.**

## Save the Date to Rise Against Hunger

Mark your calendars for January 9, 2021. On that day, FCC will be partnering with Rise Against Hunger to pack more than 10,000 meals. Watch for registration information later this month.