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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022

THE GATHERING

Prelude *Christmastide* – arr. Sherman Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 149

***Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

***Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

***Sages, leave your contemplations brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen the natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

***Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, here among us shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Dr. David Hartman and Caitlin, Patrick & Molly Barker
Unison Prayer:

God of Hope, Prince of Peace, Giver of Joy, and Lord of Love, your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings. You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibility in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Response *When God Is a Child* – vs. 4 No. 132

***Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.***

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<i>1 Timothy 6:11-16</i>	Brooke Reid
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Brooke Reid
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	<i>Good King Wenceslas</i> – arr. McKee	Chancel Ringers
Sermon	<i>King of Kings</i>	Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	No. 163
<i>Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.</i>		
<i>Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new, saw the glory, heard the story – tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!</i>		

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution		Polly Tonemah
Prayers for the Bread & Cup		Kerry Roach & Harry Tonemah
Music during Communion	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> – arr. Bettcher	Chancel Ringers
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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission		Brooke Reid
Offertory	<i>Coventry Carol</i> – arr. Dobrinski	Chancel Ringers
*Doxology		No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 164

***Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – arr. Raney/Sherman

Chancel Ringers

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MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Lorraine "Sam" Maynor given by Bart & Lee Bybee.

In memory of William Lancaster (father of Nancy Smith) given by Bart & Lee Bybee.

In memory of Jim Hay given by Becky Looney.

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

POINSETTIAS 2022

Karen Watson in honor of Lita H. Watson (Mother).
Karen Watson in memory of Earl F. Watson (Father).
Karen Watson in memory of Joyce & Peter Hinchliffe (Aunt & Uncle).

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Mike Dye.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Sean James.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Cindy Blades.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Amy Luna.
Ronnie & Colleen James in memory of Chris James.

Jim Bob Wallace in memory of Peggy Wallace.

Sandra Ketchum in memory of my son, Lanny Ketchum.
Sandra Ketchum in honor of my daughters, Twila & Melanie.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Bobby & Mary Lee Todd.
Kyle & Ashley Burross in honor of our children, Konner & Kinsley Burross.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Donald & Audrey LaValley.
Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of William & Sarah Watkins.
Jim & Karen LaValley in honor of Meredith LaValley.

Alan Freeman in memory of John Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Jean Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Richard Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Bruce Freeman.
Alan Freeman in honor of Ofelia Freeman.

Linda C. Carr in honor of my husband, Larry Carr Sr..

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

Terry & Robbie Walker in memory of Robert & Margaret Hayes.
Terry & Robbie Walker in memory of Troy & Juanita Walker.

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

Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of Teddy, Stacey, Brent, Amy, Blayne.
Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of Jude, Everett, Olivia, Grayson, Seger, Sutton.
Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of Betsy Smith.
Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in memory of Ted Smith, Mary & William B. Lancaster.
Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of First Christian Church Staff.
Nancy & Ted Smith Jr. in honor of Searchers Class.

Dwight & Sandra Ross in memory of our fathers, Dwight Ross Jr. and Dan Martini.
Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of our mothers, Grady Ross and Gladys Martini.
Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of our children, Maggie and Dwight Ross IV.
Dwight & Sandra Ross in honor of FCC ministers and staff.

Lynette Gill in memory of my daughter, Amy Renae Poirot.
Lynette & Paul Gill in honor of our daughters, Andrea, Angela, Franci and their families.
Lynette & Paul Gill in memory of our Loved Ones.

Pat Thacker in memory of Ralph Morgan.
Pat Thacker in memory of Bill Thacker.
Pat Thacker in honor of Church Staff.

Christopher J. Stoph in honor of Cheryl & Rick Appling.

Dave Clark in memory of Rosemary Clark.

David Wyatt in memory of Corliss Wyatt.
David Wyatt in memory of Mary Beth Wyatt.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Kay & Richard McQuiston.
Susan & John Buckley in honor of Mary Buckley.
Susan & John Buckley in honor of Meredith, Matt & Calvin West.
Susan & John Buckley in honor of Ainslee Buckley.

Diana Costello in loving memory of husband, Johnny.

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

Craig & Sheila Reynolds in memory of Pat & Mildred Dinnin.
Craig & Sheila Reynolds in honor of our Elders.

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

Sally Perkins in memory of Howard & Clarada Renfro.
Sally Perkins in memory of Susan Spiller Wadsack.

David & Catherine Gately in memory of our parents.
David & Catherine Gately in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Lois Willis, Keith & Stephenie Koontz in memory of Bill Willis.

Mark & Sheri Sutton in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Curtis Sullivan in memory of Sherry Sullivan.

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

Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.V. Whiting.
Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Overman.

Andy & Emily Wilson in honor of our grandbabies, Winnie & Dean.

LyDora & Chris Martin & Family in memory of Charinda Kaye Sestak Moreira.

Shirley Craft & Kenn Hill in memory of our beloved parents.
Shirley Craft & Kenn Hill in honor of our children.

Linda & Glenn Tole in memory of our parents.
Linda & Glenn Tole in honor of our children & grandchildren.

Chris & Jeanette Showalter in honor of Taylor and Madison Showalter.
Chris & Jeanette Showalter in memory of Phillip, Mary and Anita Bail.
Chris & Jeanette Showalter in honor of Al & Rose Showalter.

Curtis Dolberry in memory of Mary Kay Dolberry.
Curtis Dolberry in memory of Heather Wilson.
Curtis Dolberry in honor of children and grandchildren.

Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of our children: Melanie, Allison and Drew.

Cheryl & Rick Appling in honor of Hunter, Parker, Kristen & Benton Brown.
Cheryl & Rick Appling in honor of McKinney, Leslie & Jason Appling.

Mike & Diane Spiller in memory of our parents.
Mike & Diane Spiller in honor of our children and grandchildren.
Mike & Diane Spiller in honor of Mark Bender and his family.

Sermon Notes

1. Who begat who...

2. Descriptions of a sovereign

3. Money talk

4. "He who makes the rules..."

5. Let earth receive her king

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	College Bible Study	Schlotszky's
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Christmas Party (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
5:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	New Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall & Zoom
Monday, December 19		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Closed Until January 5	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	FCC Staff Visiting Homebound	
1:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Group 1 Meeting	2109 Turtle Creek Rd
6:30 pm	FCC Family Movie Night - "Elf"	Cinemark Theater
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 20		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	FCC Staff Visiting Homebound	
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	CWF Group 2 Meeting	Hibiscus Café, 4114 Burkburnett Rd
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, December 21		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:15 am	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Room 310/Zoom
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 222
NO	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Room 310/Zoom
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402/405
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, December 22		
Friday, December 23		
9:00 am	CCF Polar Express Day	
9:00 am	College Group leaves for Six Flags	Arlington TX
Saturday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE		
3:00 pm	"The Very First Christmas" Children's Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	"Candles, Carols & Communion" Traditional Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
11:00 pm	"Candles, Carols & Communion" Traditional Service	Sanctuary