

Anthem *Surely it is God Who Saves Me* – White Young Disciples & Chancel Choirs
The congregation is invited to join the choirs on the refrain as directed.

***Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my savior.***

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.

Sermon *Son of the Most High* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *What Child Is This* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 162

***What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.***

***Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Craig Reynolds

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Sandra Ross & Dwight Ross III

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 Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory *Now My Spirit Sings* – Dengler Chancel Choir; Sarah Cook, soprano

*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

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem – vs. 1, 3 & 4

No. 144

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

***How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.***

***O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Lorraine “Sam” Maynor given by Open Door Class, Bill & Melody Jennings.

In memory of Jerry Tucker (brother of Eddie Tucker) given by Eddie Tucker.

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

Sermon Notes

1. A story time mishap

2. The annunciation

3. Falling over

4. Character traits

5. Jesus as Lord

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent / Christmas Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Christmas Mission Market & All Church Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	College Bible Study	McAlister's
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:30-7:00 pm	"A Night in Bethlehem"	Fellowship Hall
Monday, December 12		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	Annetta Vaccarella's Memorial Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	CWF Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Church Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 13		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, December 14		
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
1:00 pm	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)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, December 15		
10:00 am	YAS Christmas Parties	Classrooms
Friday, December 16		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Christmas Parties	Classrooms
Saturday, December 17		

Christmas Eve at First Christian

Please join us for our Christmas Eve services:

3:00 pm	Fellowship Hall	"The Very First Christmas" Children's Christmas Eve Service with live animals
6:00 pm	Sanctuary	"Candlelight, Carols & Communion" Traditional Service
11:00 pm	Sanctuary	"Candlelight, Carols & Communion" Traditional Service



Our gifts to the 2022 Christmas Special Offering supports the works of our Southwest Region ministries this Christmas. Our regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism

Please give generously to this year's Christmas Offering which will be collected on Sundays, December 11th & 18th.