

**SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, LEARN & FELLOWSHIP**

8:30 am	Worship in the Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	<i>Adults:</i>
	Inquirers (in person and ZOOM) (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
	Challengers (in person) (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor)
	<i>Children:</i>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
10:30 am	Fellowship Time (coffee & donuts)
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary



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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

The church office will be closed.

**Wednesday and Thursday**

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

No meals served on Monday or Tuesday.

**Monday - Sunday**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous  
(Saturdays @ noon and 7)

No 8:30 AM worship service on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

December 29 Jerry Brace

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

December 28	Julie & Todd Sheffield
December 30	Amy & Kevin Waggoner

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:	Stan Brown
Tech Team:	Karen Adams William Adams
<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
John Adams	Ruth Brace
Angie Novotny	Jeri Waller

**SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Elder:	Jerry Brace
Tech Team:	Karen Adams Bobby Jorgenson
<u>Deacons:</u>	<u>Tellers:</u>
Dave Bryan	Gabby Gregg
Sheila Kirkpatrick	Christy Thompson
Allison Graham	



**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

December 24, 2023

5:30 PM

*A warm welcome is extended to all,  
especially those who are worshipping here for the first time  
or who have returned after an absence.  
Your presence enriches us and this time of worship.*

REVEREND STEPHEN JOHNSON, SENIOR PASTOR

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Parents, you are welcome to use the 2nd floor classrooms if your children need to take a break from worship.  
Changing tables are available in the bathrooms outside the classrooms.  
Activity bags are located in the basket by the post in the center aisle.

## **WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

- Prelude Amy Boatman  
Welcome Pastor Stephen  
\* Call to Worship Stan Brown, Elder
- L: Come with joy to this moment of worship on Christmas Eve.  
**P: We are excited to hear the carols of Christmas as they fill the air with stories of the birth of the Christ Child.**
- L: Come with expectations of receiving messages of hope and peace.  
**P: We will rejoice at the reading of scriptures as they reveal the promises of God's grace transforming the world.**
- L: Come with open hearts, ready to encounter the manifestation of God's love through this community of faith.  
**P: We are ready to receive the embrace of kindness in this gathering. And we are prepared to give of ourselves in response to God's love.**
- \* Invocation Stan Brown  
\* Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" #143

## **HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

- The Light of Hope:* Sandy Pendergraft and Ron Kreger  
**Micah 5:2-5** (*New Living Translation*) edited  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*, #144
- The Light of Peace:* Jackie Chitwood and Angela Eby  
**Isaiah 2:1-5** (*New Living Translation*)  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, #153
- The Light of Love:* Ruth and Jerry Brace  
**Luke 1:26-38** (*New Living Translation*)  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*, #150
- The Light of Joy:* Angie Novotny and Shelli Smith  
**Luke 1: 39-58** (*Good News Translation*)  
*See, Amid the Winter's Snow*, Karen Adams
- The Light of Christ:* Stephen Johnson  
**Luke 2:1-20** (*Spark Story Bible or New Revised Standard Version*)  
*Away in a Manger*, #147

\* All who are able, please stand.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

- Invitation to Christ's Table Pastor Stephen  
Hymn of Preparation "What Child Is This" #162  
Offering Invitation Stan Brown  
Offertory Amy Boatman  
\* Doxology #46
- Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**
- \* Prayer for the Offering and Communion Elements Stan Brown  
Words of Institution Pastor Stephen  
Congregation Response:
- By eating this bread and drinking this cup,  
we proclaim Christ's death,  
celebrate Christ's resurrection,  
and await Christ's coming again.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

- Partaking of the Elements Pastor Stephen  
Prayer of Thanksgiving Stan Brown

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

- The Light of the World: Stephen Johnson  
**John 1:1-14** (*New Revised Standard Version*)  
\* *Silent Night*, #145  
\* Benediction Pastor Stephen
- Let the light of Christ illuminate the world  
through your living as an example of God's love.

Postlude Amy Boatman, Accompanist

The flowers are in celebration of Christmas  
from Floyd and Angie Novotny.