



# CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**December 24, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**



*“Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...to you is born this day a Savior...Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace’...” “What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of the world.”*

(Selections from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, and the Gospel of John, chapter 1)

## The Community Gathers to Worship God

Welcome to First Christian Church Pastor Jerry

Bell Prelude Gruber arr. Fisher  
“Silent Night”

\*Call to Worship Jerry Evans

Reader: Sing a new song to God, all the earth;  
declare the glory of God’s saving work.

**People: We who have walked in gloom see a great light.  
Into all the shadowy places of life, light comes.**

Reader: Praise God, who created heaven and earth  
as a sanctuary of beauty and strength.

**People: We rejoice, for a child is born, an heir is given,  
to bring peace, righteousness, and justice.**

Reader: Tremble before God, who judges people fairly,  
whose truth is proclaimed in unexpected places.

**People: Glory to God in the highest!**

**We see in a manger good news of great joy!**

\*Opening Hymn 153  
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

\*Invocation Jerry Evans

\*Gloria Patri 35

## The Community Proclaims the Word of God

Old Testament Lesson Jerry Evans  
Isaiah 9:6-7 O.T.781

Lighting of the Candles in the Advent Dooley Family  
Wreath and the Christ Candle

Special Music  
“Do You Hear What I Hear?”  
*Violet & Brooke Williams*

New Testament Reading Luke 2:1-20  
N.T. 71

Homily Pastor Jerry  
“Christmas is Love”

## The Community Shares in Christ’s Life

Sharing of Gifts (Offering to Transient Fund)  
Invitation to Offering Pastor Jerry  
Offertory Briekman  
“The Gift”  
*Anita & Kari*

\*Doxology 46

\*Prayer of Dedication Mark Goodwin

Celebration of Holy Communion  
Invitation and Blessing of Elements Pastor Jerry

Christmas Hymn 147  
“Away in a Manger”

Prayers for the Elements Mark Goodwin  
Kathy Ramser

Partaking of the Bread and Cup  
*(All are invited to partake of the bread and the cup as the trays are passed. Signal a deacon if you would like gluten free crackers.)*

## The Community Receives Christ’s Light And Glorifies God

\*Sharing the Light of Christ  
As the light is passed to the congregation, kindly receive the light and pass it to the person seated next to you. For safety reasons, please tip the unlighted candle to the lighted candle. When we sing the chorus of each stanza of Silent Night, join the minister in raising your candle to the glory of God. After the prayer, extinguish your candle and leave it the box at the door as you depart. God bless you, and we wish you a joyful Christmas.

\*Carol “Silent Night” 145

\*Christmas Blessing Pastor Jerry

\*Postlude arr. Renfrow  
“Silent Night”  
*Anita & Kari*

**\*All who are able, please stand.**



**SERVING TODAY –December 24**

**Liturgist:** Jerry Evans

**Deaconess:** Shirley Dougherty

**Special Music:** Anita Grigsby, Kari Wiss,  
Violet & Brooke Williams

**Elders:** Mark Goodwin and Kathy Ramser

**Deacons:** Jane Russell, Harry Gelbach, Mike Revels, J.K. Basye,  
Jody Miller, Rhonda Gelbach, Dough Gelbach, Noel Dougherty,  
Karen Love

**Audio:** John Howard

**Staff**

**Pastor:**

Jerry Basye

**Youth Leader:**

Nancy Huff

**Organist:**

Anita Grigsby

**Director of Choirs:**

Gary Grigsby

**Office Manager:**

Cindy Howard

**Custodian:**

George Long

**Nursery Care:**

Margaret Klein



***December 24, 2016***

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***(Disciples of Christ)***

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***Our Mission***

*We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers to:*

- *share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *explore and express a growing faith*
- *equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*