



# CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**December 24, 2017, 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

Bell Toll

Welcome to First Christian Church

Pastor Jerry

Prelude

Regney & Shayne

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Anita & Kari

\*Call to Worship

David Handly

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

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“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

\*Invocation

David Handly

\*Gloria Patri

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## The Community Proclaims the Word of God

Old Testament Lesson

David Handly

Micha 2:2-5

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

Dooley Family

Bell Anthem

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Moglebust

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-20

N.T. 71

Homily

“Joy FOR the World”

Pastor Jerry

Hymn

“The First Noel”

151(v.1,5)

## The Community Shares in Christ’s Life

Sharing of Gifts (Offering to Transient Fund)

Invitation to Offering

Pastor Jerry

Offertory

“The Gift”

Brickmen & Douglas

Anita & Kari

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Mark Goodwin

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation and Blessing of Elements

Pastor Jerry

Christmas Hymn

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“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”

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\*Christmas Blessing

Pastor Jerry

\*Postlude

“O Holy Night”

Adam

Anita & Kari

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



**SERVING TODAY –December 24**

**Liturgist:** David Handly

**Deaconess:** Shirley Dougherty

**Special Music:** Anita Grigsby, Kari Wiss

**Elders:** Mark Goodwin and Kathy Ramser

**Deacons:** Harry Gelbach, Mike Revels, J.K. Basye, Jody Miller, Rhonda Gelbach, Doug Gelbach, Karen Love, Lyman Hannah, Noel Dougherty

**Audio:** John Howard

**Video:** Stacy Elliott, Donna Elliott

**Flute:** Kari Wiss

**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:**

Gillian Godfrey

Dylan Godfrey

Molly Shumard

Hanna Stillwell

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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*