



CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2018, 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

Prelude Todd McClure
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Welcome to First Christian Church Pastor Jerry

*Call to Worship Pat Turner
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!**

Special Music Violet Williams
“Noel”

*Invocation Pat Turner

*Gloria Patri 35

The Community Proclaims the Word of God

Children’s Sermon Jana Hakes

Old Testament Lesson Pat Turner
Micah 5:2-5 O.T.1059

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

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

Homily Pastor Jerry
“Joy FOR the World”

Hymn 151(v.1,5)
“The First Noel”

The Community Shares in Christ’s Life

Sharing of Gifts (Offering to Transient Fund)
Invitation to Offering Pastor Jerry
Offertory Todd McClure
“The First Noel”

*Doxology 46

*Prayer of Dedication Joe Good

Celebration of Holy Communion
Invitation and Blessing of Elements Pastor Jerry

Christmas Hymn 147
“Away in a Manger”

Prayers for the Elements Joe Good
Rex Smarr

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 Todd McClure
“Silent Night”

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



SERVING TODAY –December 24

Deaconess: Shirley Dougherty

Liturgist: Pat Turner

Children's Sermon: Jana Hakes

Special Music: Violet Williams

Elders: Joe Good, Rex Smarr

Deacons: David Ritchhart, Janet Ritchhart, Greg Cobb, Larry Elliott, Tori Hunter, Glenn Borum, Elliott Sanders, Brad Forrest, Ashlea Forrest

Audio: John Howard

Video: Stacy Elliott, Donna Elliott

Guest Organist: Todd McClure

Staff

Pastor:

Jerry Basye

Youth Leader:

Nancy Huff

Organist:

Anita Grigsby

Director of Choirs:

Gary Grigsby

Office Manager:

Cindy Howard

Custodian:

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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*