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Find us on:

Those away from home serving the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance



December 24, 2022 SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:45 pm

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<u>Prelude</u> Drew Bailey, Ginny Jones, Jim Kirkman, Atalie Klumpp It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - Richard Purvis

Welcome Will

Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful - #148 Congregation

<u>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</u>

Blackwell Family

**Candle Lighting Response** One Candle Is Lit - #129 vs. 5 Congregation

Genesis 3: 8-15; 17-19

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order of goodness of creation

Carol Chancel Choir

"Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth" by Richard Shepherd

Genesis 22: 15-18

God promises that, through Abraham all the peoples of the world will be blessed

<u>Carol</u> Ginny Jones - Violin

Rutter What Sweeter Music OR I Wonder As I Wander

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

Hymn Congregation

It Came upon the Midnight Clear - #153

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of Creation

<u>Carol</u> Chancel Choir

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" from A Candle Light Festival; Iani Smith

Luke 1: 26-35; 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy Child

Hymn Hark! the Herald Angels Sing - #150 Congregation

Youth Moment Jackie Robbins

Luke 2: 1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her Child

Solo O Holy Night - Adam Lillie Judge

Matthew 2: 1-12

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are - #172 Congregation

Invitation Will

Elder's Prayer Elder

Words of Institution Will

Communion Music What Child Is This? – trad Mary Ruth Yates

**Taking of the Bread and Cup Together** 

John 1: 1-14

The World of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and Truth

<u>Hymn</u> Silent Night - #145 Congregation

**Benediction** Will

<u>Postlude</u> Joy to the World - Besemer Mary Ruth Yates

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Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with newborn light, No more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesus, virgin born to thee, eternal praise and glory be, When with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

"Lo How a Rose" from A Candle Light Festival by Lani Smith.

Lo, how a rose upspringing on tender root has grown. A rose by prophet's singing to all the world made known. The rose midst winter's cold, a lonely blossom bearing, in former days fore-told.

This rose then of my story Isaiah did proclaim. What God ordained in glory by blessed Mary came. The child the Virgin bore the world's salvation bringing through him forevermore.

The rosebud small and tender gives fragrance every day. And by its brilliant splendor makes darkness pass away. True God, true Man, we pray, help us in ev'ry sorrow, and guard us on our way.

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Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need— to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
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Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
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