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SERVING SCHEDULE: DECEMBER

Elder: Ashlyn Reynolds

Greeters

15th St Bev McFadden K St Bill McFadden Canopy Pat Merchant

Outreach Committee Ministry

We are collecting

BEANS AND CORNBREAD

during the month of **December** for **L.I.F.E. Pantry**.

Please place all packages in the baskets located in the foyer.

Any food or items you wish to donate are welcome any month.

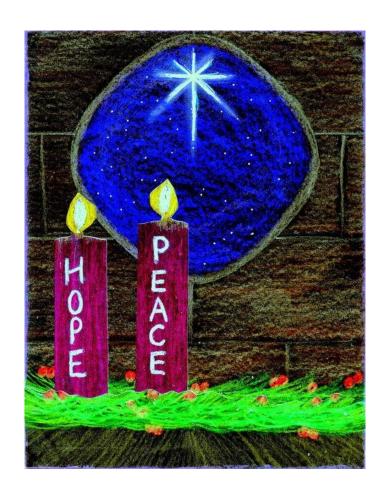
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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance



Please complete the cream-colored card located in the back of each pew and place it in the offering plate. Help us by filling out the card as completely as you can. You may also use the card to inform the office of any prayer requests, joys, concerns, upcoming events, changes, etc.

Turn off cell phones as they may interfere with the live stream. Thank you.
*Please Stand (as you are able)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. by John Innes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. William Brown

*Opening Hymn

Prelude

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

#125

*Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness.

All: But the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of

the weak.

Leader: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of

the weak.

Leader: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

All: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of

the weak.

Leader: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the Love

of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath One Candle is Lit #128 (vs. 2)

Lord's Prayer All

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 NRSV Youth

Special Music Youth

Message Youth

*Hymn of Discipleship Lo How a Rose arr. by John Innes

*Invitation to Giving Rev. William Brown

*Doxology All

*Prayer of Dedication Elder

Communion Hymn When God is a Child #132 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Invitation to Christ's Table Rev. William Brown

Prayer for the Bread and Cup Elder

Communion Music Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?

Words of Institution Rev. William Brown

Taking of the Bread and Cup Together

*Closing Hymn Blessed Be the God of Israel #135

*Blessings and Benediction

*Postlude Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Upcoming Events:

Today: 12/10 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am Worship

Following Worship Homebound Communion

Tuesday: 12/12 2:00 pm Bible Study – Cancelled Until January

Wednesday: 12/13 12 pm – 3 pm ASPEN/IU Health Enrollment (see insert)

Sunday: 12/17 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am Worship

Following Worship Congregational Meeting on Budget

The congregational meeting to review and vote on the 2024 budget will be held on <u>December 17, 2023</u>. Please plan to attend this important meeting which is open to the entire congregation.

We offer prayers of sympathy to the family and friends of Lee C. Waltz. Lee passed away at his residence, Holiday Redbud Hills on Friday, December 1, 2023. Please continue to pray for his family and friends

Bring your Christmas Cards and Greetings to the BFCC Post Office Box!



Cards can be left unaddressed or we will have name lists available, including our sick and shutin members. Just remember to sign your name inside the card!

We will have the cards ready for pick up after services on Sunday, December 17th. We will be delivering also to the shut in members.

Please bring your cards in before the 17th!

Prayer List: Karen Hackney **Emily Roberts** Liam Harting Paula Beaton Rita Roberts Levi Chisholm Gloria Hilkey **Betty Robbins** Janet Cooper Ethan Holsapple Sydney Sowders Leo Coulter Ainsley Jefferies Shirley Stroud Beth Joyner Candy Sykes Tina Corum Tim Tincher Judy Juranek Chantell Emberton Van Kavanaugh Olive Embree and the Greg VanCleave Defne Leonard Ryan Embree Family Mark Wingo Aaron Evans' Family Danny Lyons Nathan Witt Wanda McPike Ridge Wolka Dave Facion's Family Fred Wolka Sr. Finney Family William Metz Jerry Francis Roger Wykoff Sheila Miskuf Ariene Gilbert Patricia Morris

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

Shelly Perrson

Those unable to be with us in Worship:

James Hackney

Homebound - Karen Anderson, Vivian Fishel, Leona Russell

Autumn Trace – Laverne Speer (109), Betty Wagoner (110)

Majestic Care - (Garden Villa) – Jacob Householder (611)

Stonebridge - Carol Mifflin (502), Paul Miller (516), Carolyn Tumey (109), Jimmy Waggoner (208)

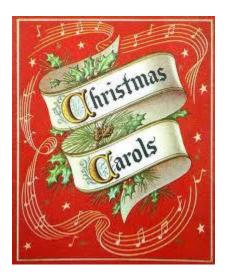
Bell Trace (Bloomington) – Shirley McMunn (1118B)

Please advise Elder Susan Maxwell-Lewis or the church office of any prayer concerns or updates. You may also fill out a pew card & drop it in the offering plate.



The Christmas list is posted in the foyer.

Please **read the guidelines** before you purchase a gift. **All gifts need to be the library by December 11.** If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make the check payable to First Christian Church with a memo for Adopt-A-Family. Contact Amy Holbrook, 812-583-1105, for any questions.



ALL CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING.

Come join the fun and festivities
Monday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Gathering in our beautifully decorated sanctuary to sing many of the well loved and enjoyed seasonal carols!

A special evening with Mary Ruth Yates playing the pipe organ, Tim Thompson on piano, and You, along with others sharing the joys of Christmas!

Invite all your family and friends to come and enjoy singing and celebrating the season. Hope to see you there!

