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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.

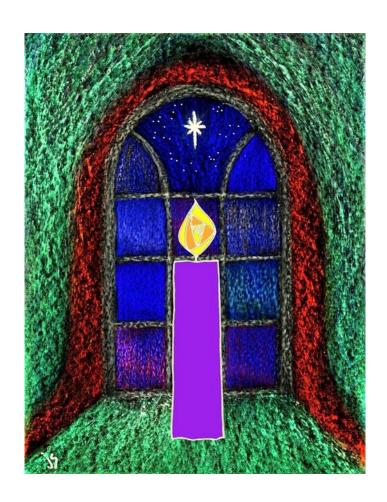
Any food or items you wish to donate are welcome any month.

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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)

Prelude

Song of Peace - Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. William Brown

*Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#119 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's

eternal time.

All: How long, O Lord, how long?

Leader: For those waiting for answered prayer:

All: Grant your steadfast patience.

Leader: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

All: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

Leader: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

All: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

Leader: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

All: Grant that we may have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of

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

Lighting of the Advent WreathJamie Blackwell

One Candle is Lit #128 (vs.1)

Lord's Prayer All

Scripture Mark 13:24-37 NRSV Worship Leader

Special Music There Shall Come Forth a Shoot From Jesse

by Hal H. Hopson

Proclamation Endings, Beginnings, Advent Rev. William Brown *Hymn of Discipleship Let There Be Peace on Earth #677 *Invitation to Giving Rev. William Brown ΑII *Doxology *Prayer of Dedication Elder Communion Hymn Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #124 (vs. 1, 3 & 4) Invitation to Christ's Table Rev. William Brown Prayer for the Bread and Cup Elder **Communion Music** Voluntary on "Picardy" - trad. **Words of Institution** Rev. William Brown Taking of the Bread and Cup Together *Closing Hymn Emmanuel, Emmanuel #134

*Blessings and Benediction

*Postlude Prepare the Royal Highway - Robert Hobby

Upcoming Events:

Today: 12/3 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am Worship

Following Worship Elder's Meeting-Library

1:30 pm Stonebridge Worship Service

Tuesday: 12/5/23 2:00 pm Bible Study – Cancelled Until January

Sunday: 12/10 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am Worship

Following Worship Homebound Communion

Wednesday: 12/20 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting-Library

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.



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.

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

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

Those unable to be with us in Worship:

Homebound - Karen Anderson, Vivian Fishel, Leona Russell

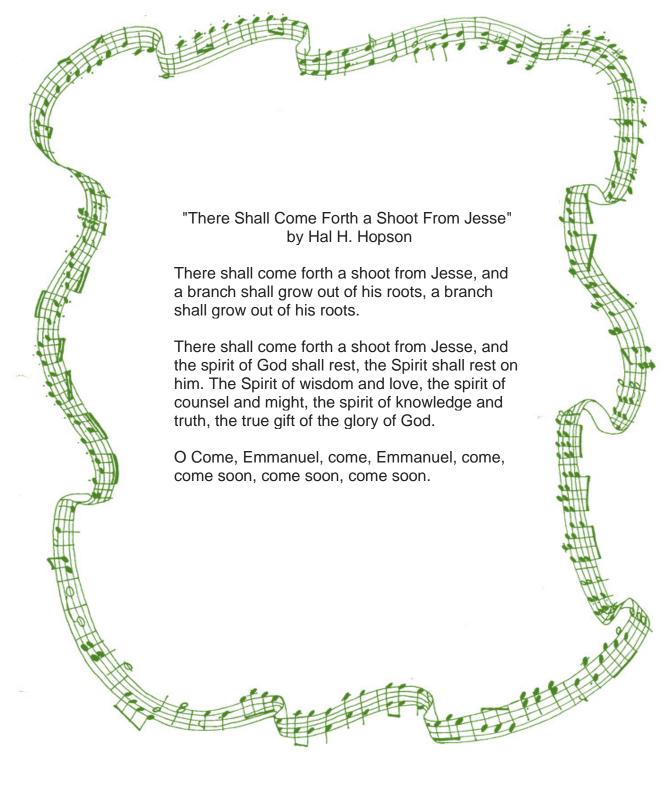
Autumn Trace – Laverne Speer (109), Betty Wagoner (110)

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.





You are invited to provide a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one to be placed on the chancel for the Christmas holiday season.

I wish to order _____ **Poinsettia** at **\$10.00** each = \$_____

My gift to be listed in the bulletin (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY):

In Memory of	 	 	_
In Honor of	 	 	
Given			

Please fill out completely and drop it along with your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Order form and payment must be in the office by **December 17.**