



Ignite
HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

December 13, 2020

Advent 3 Ignite Joy

Online Worship at 10:00 am

Diverse in Thought | United in Faith | Called to Serve

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - arr. Schuster
Drew Bailey - Oboe Mary Ruth Yates - Piano

WELCOME

Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

The Walsh Family

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come Thou Wisdom

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Words: Latin Hymn (12th Century); tr. John Mason Neal, 1851

Music: French melody (15th Century)

Setting: Roland E. Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, please use your cell phone to text "The peace of Christ be with you" to someone who needs to receive these words of encouragement.

Choral Response

One Candle is Lit

CRADLE SONG

As God's Waiting People we come to prepare
for a gift that will call us to love and to care.
We offer to each other Christ's Peace and Shalom,
and say to the stranger "Christ welcomes you home."

Words: Helen Hempfling Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1895

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

HOMILY

Helen Hempfling

INVITATION TO GIVING

You are invited to offer your gift by mail, or in person(see back page).

The method of giving does not matter. It's the mission that makes a difference!

Response of Praise

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

Please hold the communion elements in your hands during the communion music.

We will partake of them in unison following the music.

Communion Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Adam Burnette (b. 1982)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung?
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old hath sung.
It came a flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore us a Savior
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and lighten our every care.

Words: German Carol (15th Century); tr. Theodore Baker, 1894

Music: Adam Burnette; referencing ES IST EIN ROS' traditional melody, Michael Praetorius, 1609

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts/sins as we forgive our debtors/those who have sinned against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Our Joy!

JUNGST

1. While by the sheep we watched at night,
lo, there appeared an angel bright:
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Glory to God who reigns on high!
Glory to God who reigns on high!

2. Born is the Child, in manger small,
whom God has sent to save us all.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Glory to God who reigns on high!
Glory to God who reigns on high!

3. Go you this night, and you shall find
the Savior born for humankind.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Glory to God who reigns on high!
Glory to God who reigns on high!

4. Jesus, the gift from heav'n above
fills all our hearts with joy and love.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Glory to God who reigns on high!
Glory to God who reigns on high!

Words: Traditional German carol, alt.

Music: Traditional German melody; arr. Hugo Jüngst, c. 1890

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Salzburg" - Robert Hobby

This service was pre-recorded in various segments to allow the worship leaders to strictly follow guidelines regarding social distancing.

FCC Announcements

Heads Up about December 27 Worship

On Sunday, December 27, we will be livestreaming (not pre-recording) our worship service at 10:30 (NOT 10 am), from the Bedford Sanctuary. This will give Pastor Bruce the opportunity to speak some personal words before his retires at the end of 2020.

Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour Today Following Worship at 11:30 am!

Simply copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82020684237?pwd=OTBSd2xKV0xUZzVLVWVoVXhZYWZOdz09>

It's Time for Our Adopt a Family Project

We are asking for monetary donations this year. Please make the check payable to First Christian Church with a memo for Adopt a Family, or if you prefer cash, please include a note specifying Adopt a Family. Donations can be mailed to the church or bring them in person on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Worship During the Advent and Christmas Seasons

We do not yet know the extent to which we will be able to worship live and in person during Advent and Christmas. Pastors Helen and Bruce are working hard with our music and tech team to produce wonderful, online services from our festively decorated sanctuaries. We will try to have a few live, in person services from the Bedford Sanctuary as well if local Covid infection rates permit us to do so safely. But, the Sanctuary will be decorated! Feel free to drop by and sit there for a bit. We will try to have some seasonal music available at least part of the time. You can contact the Church Office for the entry code, let yourself in through the Office entrance, and make your way to the Sanctuary. Stay tuned for hours when the lights will be on and the music playing.

Register Your Attendance Online

FCC Bloomington has a new feature on our website: a place to record your attendance. Just head to our homepage at www.fccbloomington.org where you will find the "Online Sunday Worship Attendance Form". Whether or not you are a member of the Bloomington or Bedford congregations, we ask that you take time to fill this out. We have discovered that if you are using an iPad, you will need to turn it horizontally to see the entire form. If you have trouble with the online form, please send an email to the church office to make us aware of your attendance and of the problem you are having with the form. Thank you. We also have a form where you can submit your prayer requests. Our prayer ministry teams covenant to pray with and for you daily.

***We are Disciples of Christ.**

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

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Statement of Identity

Church Staff:

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Church Office Hours

Wednesday: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Social Media:

Web Page: www.firstccbedford.org

Facebook: First Christian Church
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Conference Center

Ways to Give to FCC

Mail Checks to FCC at:

1101 15th St

Bedford, IN 47421

In Person

Wednesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

and slide it under the Treasurer's door

An Invitation to Community

As God has welcomed us, we welcome you.

With all our differences--

in age, ability and physical condition,

in race, cultural background and economic status,

in sexual orientation, gender identity & family

structure--

God has received each one

with loving kindness, patience and joy.

All that we are together

and all that we hope to be

is made more perfect

as the richness of varied lives

meets the mystery of God's unifying Spirit

and we become the Body of Christ.