

# Christmas

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2020

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

December 27, 2020

The Third Day of Christmas

Online Worship at 10:30 am

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PRELUDE  
Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella  
Ginny Jones, violin      Mary Ruth Yates, piano      David Ritter

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER      Helen Hempfling

### RELIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime      JESOUS AHATONHIA  
Renson Madarang, tenor      Mary Ruth Yates, organ

‘Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou (*Great God*) sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim, and wand’ring hunter heard the hymn:  
Peace on earth, Christ is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

Words: Jean de Brébeuf, c. 1643; tr. Jesse E Middleton, 1926, alt  
Music: French Canadian Melody; harm. Frederick F. Jackisch, 1978

PRAISES AND PRAYERS      Bruce Ervin

### PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE      John 1:1-18

SERMON      Grateful for What Is to Come      Bruce Ervin

### 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      Elder Ashlyn Reynolds

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

Elder Mitzi Flynn

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 Music

Still, Still, Still

Kristen Campbell

Ginny Jones, violin    Mary Ruth Yates, piano

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.

HYMN

I Am the Light of the World!

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Renson Madarang, leader

### **Refrain:**

"I am the Light of the World!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be".

1. When the song of the angels is stilled.

When the star in the sky is gone.

When the magi and the shepherds

have found their way home.

The work of Christmas is begun!

### **Refrain**

2. To free the prisoner from all chains,

To make the powerful care,

To rebuild the nations

with strength and goodwill,

To see God's children everywhere.

### **Refrain**

3. To bring hope to every task you do,

To dance at a baby's new birth,

To make music

in an old person's heart,

And sing to the colors of the earth!

### **Refrain**



**\*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:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Bruce Ervin

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**Music Ministry:**

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**Church Office Hours**

Wednesday: 11:00 am—1:00 pm

**Social Media:**

**Web Page:** [www.firstccbedford.org](http://www.firstccbedford.org)

**Facebook:** First Christian Church  
Bedford - DOC

**Camp Facebook:** Bedford Camp &  
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.