

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

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

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL Jamie Blackwell, Bedford Moderator

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING Rick Spleth, Regional Minister

BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin
Renson Madarang, tenor (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you, be gracious unto you.
The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.
-Numbers 6: 24-26

POSTLUDE The Rejoicing G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Mary Ruth Yates, organ

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TODAY, after the live stream service, we will have a live, in person, farewell to Pastor Bruce in Bedford First Christian's Sanctuary. To make this as safe as possible we have divided the congregation into four groups alphabetically by your last name.

A thru F	12:00 - 12:30
G thru L	12:30 - 1:00
M thru R	1:00 - 1:30
S thru Z	1:30 - 2:00

Please wear a mask, use the canopy doors, take a right at the top of the stairs to enter the sanctuary through the main entrance....all the while socially distancing from each other. Pastors Bruce and Helen will be waiting there for you on the chancel.

There will be a basket for cards.

After your visit you will then exit through the sanctuary doors by the Fellowship Hall....and then back out the canopy doors.

***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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Administrative Assistant:

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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
Bedford - DOC

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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.