

Isaiah 43:19

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Ponder This

As we look back on 2016, what "gracious deeds of the Lord" will we give thanks for?

What do we want to celebrate in the past year, and what do we want to let go of?

What do you look forward to in 2017?

What "new thing" do you hope God will do?

Get Involved at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Opportunities for the Week of January 1—January 8

Today	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	9:00	Men's Coffee Group at Panera on Lawndale
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00	Table Talk at Elizabeth's Pizza
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	8:45	Small Group
	9:00	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	5:00	Sunday Night Youth
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Church Office Schedule

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. We'll get back to normal hours beginning Tuesday, January 3. As usual, you can reach Rev. Moses in an emergency at 336-587-6725.

Here I STAND



Join us for worship in January and February

Inspired by Martin Luther's statement as he defended his faith: **"Here I stand, I can do no other."** Each week we will ask: What is the faith claim each scripture leads us to, and how do we live if we proclaim that to be true?

Joy, joy, joy!

Agape, a small group for women's fellowship, meets January 9, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the church. We will continue our sharing and learning about how to find and keep JOY in our daily lives. For more information, please contact Ellen Smith at spell@triad.rr.com.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

Gathering Music “A Rose Breaks into Bloom” ... Brahms
Genie Jones, Interim Music Director and Organist

Lighting of Candles and Processional
*As the light of Christ enters the sanctuary,
let us quiet our minds, hearts, and voices and prepare for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Lee Hull Moses

***Call to Worship** Shannon Huth
Leader: We come to worship, to celebrate and give thanks.
People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!
Leader: On this first day of a new year,
we watch for the new things God is doing in our midst.
People: We give thanks for all God has done.
Leader: We give thanks for God’s presence with us.
**All: We give thanks for the birth of Christ,
whose light overwhelms the world.**

***Hymn of Praise** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 148

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Shannon Huth
**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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Response in Praise** “Angels We Have Heard on High” (chorus) No. 155
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Witness of Scripture Isaiah 63:7-9 Shannon Huth

Children’s Moment Rev. Moses
*Following the Children’s Moment, children are invited to return to their seats
in the sanctuary because there is no Children’s Church today.
Childcare is provided for children age 5 and under in the nursery.*

Prayers of the People
Preparation for Prayer “When God is a Child” (chorus) No. 132
**When God is a child there’s joy in our song. The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.**
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Moses

Sharing our Gifts
Call to Offering Laura Tebow
Offertory “What is This Lovely Fragrance?” ...Willan Genie Jones
*Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation, here in our community and
around the world. An offering card is available to symbolize gifts made electronically.*

***Response** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 46
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above,
ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
Dedication of Gifts Laura Tebow

Anthem “Were You There on that Christmas Night” ...Sleeth Chancel Choir

Message “A New Thing” Rev. Moses
Matthew 2:13-23 and Isaiah 43:19

Sharing the Feast
Call to Communion Rev. Moses
Communion Hymn “There’s a Song in the Air” No. 159
Words of Institution Rev. Moses
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Cliff Greaves
*All are invited to come forward to share in these gifts
by taking a piece of the bread and dipping it into the cup.
If you prefer to remain in your seat, a deacon will bring communion to you.*
Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Moses

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Moses

***Hymn of Dedication** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” No. 150

***Benediction** Rev. Moses

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Postlude** “Ring Out, Wild Bells” ...La Hee Genie Jones
**Please stand as you are able.*

Serving Next Sunday, January 8
Elders Bill Inmon and JoAnn Tucker **Acolyte** Bella Myers
Deacons David Barnette, Bill Wiley, KT Wood, Rob Moses,
Jamie Cannady, Spencer Smith **Worship Leader** Bill Inmon

Isaiah 63:7-9 *We join our voices with the voices
of the ancient prophets.*

Leader: I will recount the gracious deeds of the
Lord,
**People: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us**
Leader: and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy
**People: according to the abundance of his
steadfast love**
Leader: For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
**People: and he became their savior in all
their distress**
Leader: It was no messenger or angel
People: but his presence that saved them;
Leader: in his love and in his pity he redeemed
them
**People: he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.**

Matthew 2:13-23 Now after they had left,
an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a
dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his
mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until
I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the
child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took
the child and his mother by night, and went to
Egypt, and remained there until the death of Her-
od. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by
the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I
have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he
had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuri-
ated, and he sent and killed all the children in and
around Bethlehem who were two years old or
under, according to the time that he had learned
from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had
been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A
voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud
lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she
refused to be consoled, because they are no
more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord
suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother,
and go to the land of Israel, for those who were
seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got
up, took the child and his mother, and went to
the land of Israel. But when he heard that Arche-
laus was ruling over Judea in place of his father
Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being
warned in a dream, he went away to the district
of Galilee. There he made his home in a town
called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken
through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will
be called a Nazorean.’