

Ponder This

What gift do you bring to the Christ and to this congregation?

To what specific situation(s) in your own life would you like to hear God's words, "Do not be afraid"?

Where do you see the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God in your own life, in our congregation, and in the world?

Get Involved at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Opportunities for the Week of January 8—January 15

Today	8:45	Small Group
	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	5:00	Sunday Night Youth
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	9:00	Newsletter Submissions Due
	7:00	Agape Women's Group
	7:00	Property Team Meeting
Tuesday	7:00	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		Newsletter Mailed
	11:30	Vintage Bunch
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00	Table Talk at Kiosco Mexican Grill, Spring Garden
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Saturday	8:30	Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	5:00	Sunday Night Youth
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Did you request offering envelopes? Pick up envelopes at the Welcome Desk

Sunday Night Youth resumes tonight at 5! Can you help with meals?

All children preschool age through High School are welcome to join us. We need volunteers to provide a meal. Preparing a meal is simple, financial reimbursement is available, and it's a fun opportunity to spend more time with the youth at FCC! If you are interested, please contact Amanda Kerr at amanda@fccgreensboro.org.

Agape, a small group for women's fellowship, meets Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

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.

Breakfast next Saturday morning Jan. 14, 8:30 a.m.

Featuring guest speaker Kenny Hooker. All--men and women-- are invited.

Learn to crochet! Help make plarn bedrolls for the homeless

Patti Learman will give lessons Wednesday, Jan. 18, at noon. Even if you're not currently involved in the bedroll project, join us to learn some crochet skills (or help others learn!) Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

First Christian Church *staff*

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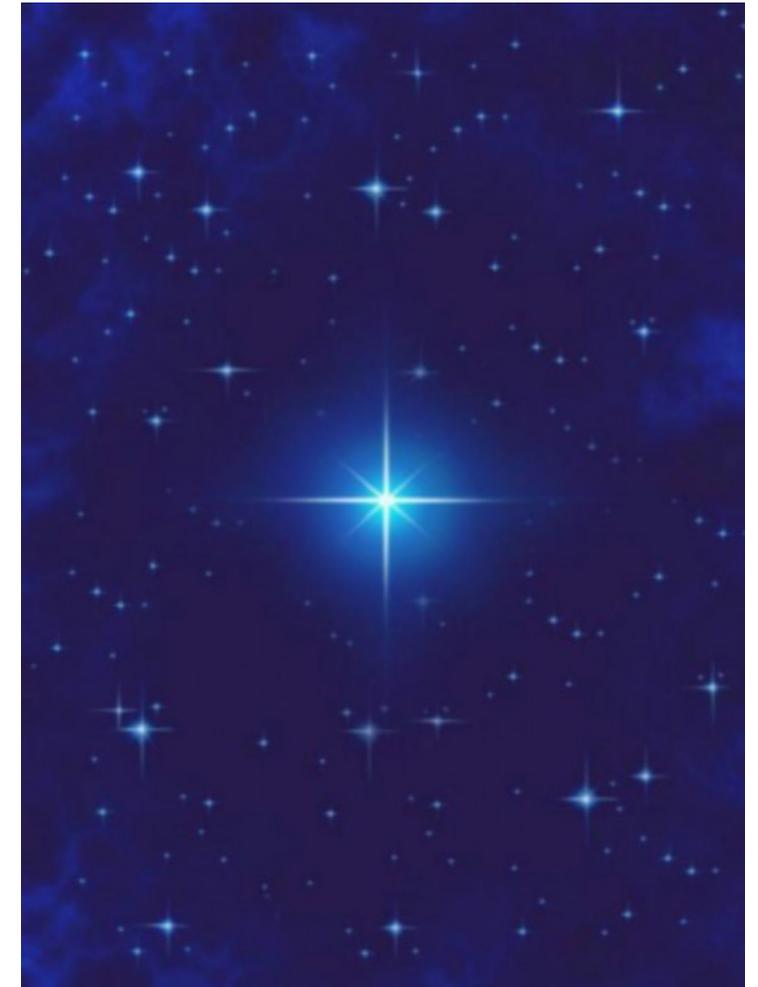
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Genie Jones, Organist and Interim Music Director

Van Whitsett, Custodian

Leslie Gooding, Laura Hutchens, Chassidy Crump, and Victoria Kassakatis, Nursery

Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader Shy'Neka Cherry, PYF Teacher



**Epiphany Sunday
January 8, 2017**

Gathering Music “March of the Three Kings” ...arr. Larson
Genie Jones, Interim Music Director and Organist

Lighting of Candles and Processional Robertson Siu
*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** Bill Inmon
Leader: Let us kneel in the darkness,
People: Until we see God’s light emerge.
Leader: Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,
People: As Christ’s image grows within us and shows us life.
Leader: Let him speak to us and teach us love,
People: Until we open our hearts to be his home. Amen.
Written by Christine Sine (2012)

***Hymn of Praise** “As With Gladness” No. 173

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Bill Inmon
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 60:1-6 Bill Inmon

Children’s Moment Rev. Moses
*Following the Children’s Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade
are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.
Children’s Church leaders: Amanda Desselles and Emily Viverette*

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 Bill Inmon
Offertory “The Childhood of Christ” ...Berlioz 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 Bill Inmon

Anthem “The Light Still Shines” ...Sleeth Chancel Choir

Message “The Light Has Come” Amanda Kerr
Matthew 2:1-12

Sharing the Feast
Call to Communion Amanda Kerr
Communion Hymn “God’s Love Made Visible” No. 171
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Charles Jones
*The Lord invites all who are seeking to follow him to partake.
Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to participate in unison.*
Words of Institution Amanda Kerr

Farewell and Blessing for Genie Jones

***Hymn of Dedication** “We Three Kings” No. 172

***Benediction** Amanda Kerr

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

***Postlude** “In Classic Style” ...Young Genie Jones
**Please stand as you are able.*

The altar flowers are from the congregation in honor of Genie and Fred Jones.

Serving Next Sunday, January 15

Elders JoAnn Tucker and Babs Gordon **Acolyte** Charlie Manley
Deacons Scott Norwood, Glenn Huth, Patsy Edwards, Ryan Huth,
Isaac Barnette, Ken Garner **Worship Leader** Mark McDonald
Children’s Church Amanda Desselles and Dona Norwood
Children’s Moment

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.