

Ponder This

What is your favorite way to tell the Christmas story?

Use this space to write down a line from a Christmas carol you want to remember.

Get Involved at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Opportunities for the Week of December 25—January 1

Today	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday	7:00	Table Talk at the Home of Baylee Smith
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Church Office Schedule

The office will be closed the week of December 26, though staff will be checking in on Wednesday, Dec. 28, to check messages and prepare for Sunday worship. The office will also be closed on 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?

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**Fear
not
for I
am
with
you.
Isaiah 43:5**

Christmas Morning

 **First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

December 25, 2016

Gathering Music “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
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** Madison Steadman

Leader: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord
stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

**People: “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped
in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”**

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of
the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

**People: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

Leader: Come, let us sing this good news, for today, Jesus Christ is born.

***Hymn of Praise** “Joy to the World” No. 143

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Madison Steadman

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 52:7-10 Madison Steadman

Children’s Moment Rev. Moses

*On the last Sunday of each month, Children’s Church does not meet
so that children can worship with the whole church.*

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 Cliff Greaves

Offertory “Away in a Manger” ...Marryott 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 Cliff Greaves

Solo “He Shall Feed His Flock” ...Beck Fred Jones

Stories and Songs that Share the Good News

Sharing the Feast

Call to Communion Rev. Moses

Communion Hymn “Away in a Manger” No. 147

Prayer for the Bread and Cup Laura Tebow

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 Rev. Moses

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Moses

***Hymn of Dedication** “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” No. 167

***Benediction** Rev. Moses

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

***Postlude** “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” ...arr. Wilson Genie Jones

**Please stand as you are able.*

Serving Next Sunday, January 1

Elders Laura Tebow & Cliff Greaves **Acolyte** Robertson Siu

Deacons Mark McDonald, Anna Young, Jason Myers, Patti McDonald,

Bob Moates, Carol Moates

Children’s Moment

Worship Leader Shannon Huth

No Children’s Church

***We join our voices with the voices
of the ancient prophets.***

Isaiah 52:7-10

Leader: How beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of
the messenger who announces peace,

People: who brings good news,

Leader: who announces salvation,

**People: who says to Zion,
“Your God reigns.”**

Leader: Listen! Your sentinels
lift up their voices,

People: together they sing for joy;

Leader: for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

**People: Break forth together into
singing you ruins of Jerusalem;**

Leader: for the LORD has comforted his
people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

**People: and all the ends
of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.**