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Today's Date: December 2, 2018

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Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

Opportunities for the Week of December 2-December 9

Today	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Property and Trustee Meeting
	5:00	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project Meets to Board Bus
	5:30	Potluck & Program for Children & Families at FCC
	7:00	Hanging of the Greens
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Youth Room
	9:00	EMDR Training with Cindy Arnold in Friendship Classroom
	9:30	Staff Meetings
Tuesday	7:00	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:00	Men's Coffee Group at Panera on Lawndale
	9:00	CWS Citizenship Class in Friendship Classroom <i>No Choir Rehearsal</i>
Thursday	6:00	Wishview Children's Center Staff Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30	Table Talk at Taste of Thai, 1500 Mill St.
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Board Meeting
	11:15	Choir Luncheon
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Join us for our annual

Hanging of the Greens

Tonight at 7:00 p.m., we decorate our sanctuary and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. A reception will follow the service.

Sunday, December 16, a Congregational Meeting will follow worship.

Serving Next Sunday, December 9

Acolyte Harper Moses **Elders** Emily Viverette and Ellen Smith **Deacons** Troy Desselles, Judy Garrett, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff
Worship Leader John Flynt **Children's Moment** Darilyn Knibb
Children's Church Amanda Desselles & Dona Norwood **Greeter** Jim & Laura Tebow
Coffee Hour Host Laura Tebow **Building Responsibilities** Sue Hulighan

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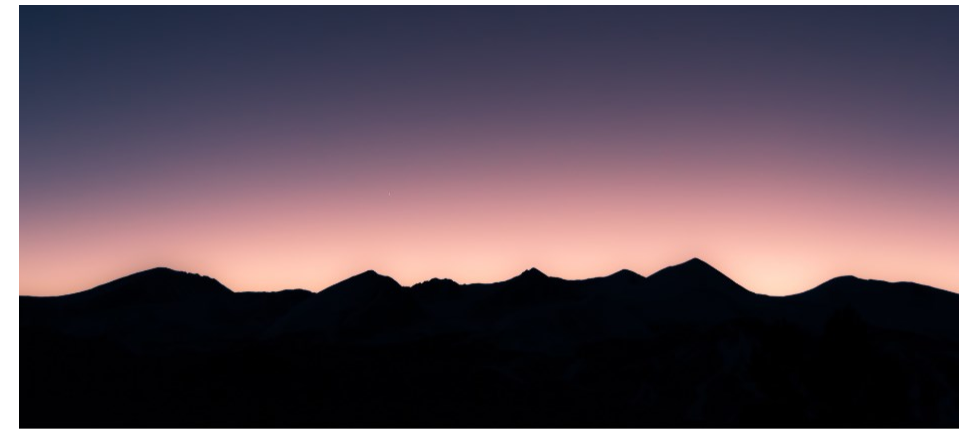
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Leslie Gooding, Laura Hutchens, Chassidy Crump, Nursery

Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader Holly Lail, PYF Teacher



The Light Between

Advent is a time between times.

We watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music "Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her" Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
("From Heaven high, there come I here") (1663-1712)

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Bella Myers

*Choral Call to Worship

No. 121

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (choir sings once, then congregation joins in)

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

*Proclamation

Bill Lund

In the season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We rejoice that God is with us, and we long for the day when the things of darkness will be no more. In this in between time, we trust that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

*Hymn of Praise

"Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

No. 125

HYFRYDOL

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** Bill Lund
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)
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Words of Welcome Lee Hull Moses

Advent Wreath Lighting Mark and Patti McDonald
Response: "One Candle is Lit" (v. 1) No. 128
Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Scripture Luke 21:25-36, Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bill Lund
One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Paul Snyder
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 Meredith Cooper

Prayers of the People
Preparation for Prayer No. 132
"When God is a Child" (refrain only) MOON BEAMS
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.

Advent Prayer Stations
You are invited to visit the prayer stations or pause for reflection where you are.

Sharing our Gifts
Call to Offering Ellen Smith
Offertory *Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation,*
here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can
be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in
this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.

***Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
(sung to "O Come, O Come Emmanuel") VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here
below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy
Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
Dedication of Gifts Ellen Smith

Special Music "My Dancing Day"
Traditional English Carol
Arr. by Frances L. Callahan
FCC Handbell Ensemble

Message "The Light Between" Lee Hull Moses

Sharing the Feast
Communion Hymn No. 404
"A Hymn of Joy We Sing" BOYLSTONE
Call to Communion Lee Hull Moses

One: In this season of waiting and watching,
Many: the light of this feast shines in the darkness.
One: We come to the table in need of God's grace.
Many: We find God's forgiveness here.
One: Christ is with us.
Many: We are not alone.

Words of Institution Lee Hull Moses
Prayer for the Bread and Cup Emily Viverette
One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, share in the feast.
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 Lee Hull Moses
One: We give you thanks, O God, for the light that shines from this table.
May the mystery of this ordinary feast bless us now and always.
Many: Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship Lee Hull Moses

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 135
"Blessed Be the God of Israel" MERLE'S TUNE

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

***Benediction** Lee Hull Moses

***Postlude** "Psalm 19—The Heavens Declare"
Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)
**Please stand as you are able.*

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praying Feel free to share your joys
and concerns:

participate Let us know your plans.

I'll be at NYP, the Neighborhood Youth Project, tonight, and will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to board the bus for our Random Acts of Kindness field trip.

We'll be at the potluck & program tonight at 5:30 for children & families.

I'll be at Hanging of the Greens tonight at 7.

I'm going to the Agape women's holiday gathering at Harper's Restaurant, tomorrow, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

I'm an Elder and will be at Tuesday's meeting at 7 p.m.

I'll be at Table Talk Thursday at 6:30, at Taste of Thai, 1500 Mill St.

I'll be at small group next Sunday at 9.

Looking ahead, I will plan to be at the Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, following worship.

I'm praying for our church and world.

Other: