

## Get Connected *Stay Connected*

Your presence here matters.

*connect*

Fill out this Connection Card and include it in today's offering. New around here? Address changes? Fill out what's relevant.

**Today's Date: December 9, 2018**

Your Name(s)

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Email

*give*

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 9-December 16

Today	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
Monday	9:30	Staff Meetings
Tuesday	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	11:30	Vintage Bunch
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:15	Table Talk Serves Dinner at YWCA, 1807 E. Wendover
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Saturday	6:00	Caroling for Running of the Balls
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Congregational Meeting
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at Congregational
	5:30	Parents Night Out at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

**Join the Vintage Bunch** Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m., for a holiday party. Fred and Genie Jones will lead caroling. Please RSVP on the Connection Card.

**Carol with us** during the neighborhood's Running of the Balls this Saturday, Dec. 15, from 6-7 p.m. Meet at the church at 5:45. Wear your festive best!

**Plan to attend** the Congregational Meeting next Sunday, Dec. 16, following worship, to approve a budget and elect leaders for 2019.

**Make** an additional gift to the operating fund of First Christian in memory or in honor of a loved one. We'll list all the honorees in the December 23rd and 24th bulletins. Please use the gold envelopes and be sure to note "Christmas honor gift."

## Serving Next Sunday, December 16

**Acolyte** Charlie Manley **Elders** Cliff Greaves and Laura Tebow **Deacons** Jason Myers, Judy Garrett, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, and Lewis Woodruff

**Worship Leader** Babs Gordon **Children's Moment** Lee Hull Moses

**Children's Church** Amanda Desselles & Emily Viverette **Greeters** Bess Lamson & Terri Drew

**Coffee Hour Host** TBD **Building Responsibilities** Jim Tebow

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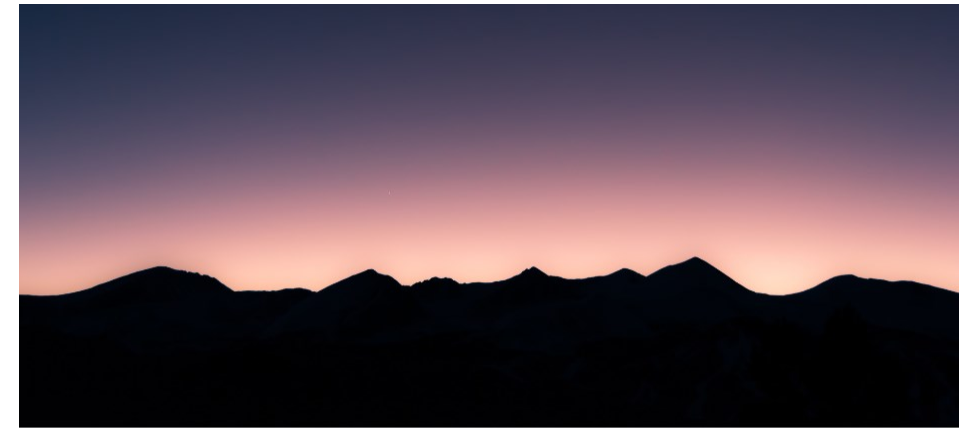
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# The Light Between

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 Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Gathering Music

"Some Children See Him"

African-American Spiritual  
Setting by W. Faulkner after Geo. Winston

#### Lighting of Candles and Processional

Harper Moses

#### Ministry Moment

Baylee Smith

#### Choral Call to Worship

"Before the Paling of the Stars"

Roland E. Martin  
Text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

#### Proclamation

John Flynt

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. Come, let us stand and sing to the Lord.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 138

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" REJOICE, REJOICE

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer** John Flynt  
**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** Helena Epstein and MaryKate Holden  
Response: "One Candle is Lit" (v. 2) No. 128  
**Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.**

**Scripture** Luke 3:1-6 John Flynt  
One: The word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment** Darilyn Knibb  
*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 Dona Norwood*

**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.**  
Pastoral Prayer Ellen Smith

**Sharing our Gifts**  
Call to Offering Emily Viverette  
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.*  
Offertory Anthem "What Can I Give Him?" Sue & Terry Barham  
Text by Rossetti

**\*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 Emily Viverette

**Scripture** Luke 1:26-38 Lee Hull Moses

**Anthems** "Enchanted by Candles" Sally Ann Morris  
"Mary Did You Know?" Buddy Greene  
Setting by Jack Schrader

**Message** "Prepare the Way" Lee Hull Moses

**Sharing the Feast**  
Communion Hymn No. 420  
"I Come With Joy" DOVE OF PEACE  
Lee Hull Moses

Call to Communion  
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 Ellen Smith  
One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, share in the feast.  
*All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to share in communion.  
Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.*  
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. 95  
"Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Harper Moses

**Choral Blessing** "On Christmas Night"  
Trad. English Carol  
Setting by Jodi W. Lindh

**\*Benediction** Lee Hull Moses

**\*Postlude** "Lift Up Your Heads"  
Arr. by David Paxton  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Get Connected** Stay Connected  
*praying* Feel free to share your Joys  
and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- I'll be at Table Topics on Tuesday at 7 p.m.
  - I'll be at the Vintage Bunch holiday party Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.
  - I can help Table Talk serve a meal at the shelter this Thursday by contributing food or serving.
  - I'll be at small group next Sunday at 9.
  - Fa la la la la... I'm interested in caroling with the church during the neighborhood Running of the Balls from 6-7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15. Meet at the church!
  - I will be at the Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, following worship.
  - I'm in middle or high school and will be at next Sunday's Neighborhood Youth Project Christmas Party at 5:30 p.m., at Congregational.
  - We plan to drop the kids off next Sunday evening for Parents Night Out.
  - I'm praying for our church and world.
  - Other: