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Today's Date: December 30, 2018

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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 30-January 6

Today		No Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	9:30	Staff Meetings
Tuesday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	9:00	Men's Coffee Group at Panera on Lawndale
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00	Wishview Children's Center Staff Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30	Table Talk at Jerusalem Market, 310 S. Elm St.
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Sunday		No Small Group Bible Study
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project at FCC
	5:30	Potluck & Program for Children & Families
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

January Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come...

January worship begins with this bold proclamation from the prophet Isaiah and the story of the magi who follow the star to Bethlehem in Matthew's gospel. After the darkness of Advent, the light of Epiphany guides us into a new season and a new year. Throughout January, we'll hear of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the signs and wonders he performs, the mission he invites us to join, and the promise that through it all, we need not be afraid. Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00. Your light has come.

Serving Next Sunday, January 6

Acolyte Ashley Siu **Elders** Eleanor Bray and Mike Wildman **Deacons** JoAnn Tucker, Anna Young, Leah Guthrie Loy, Robertson Rcham, Ken Garner, and Les Rose
Worship Leader Sam Tucker **Children's Moment** Melissa Guthrie Loy
Children's Church Amanda Desselles and Brigid Otoo
Greeters TBD **Coffee Hour Host** Marsha Rose
Building Responsibilities Jim Tebow

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

Christmas Sunday

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Christmas Sunday, December 30, 2018

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music

"Russian Carol"

Arr. by W. Faulkner
after Geo. Winston

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Izaak Myers

*Choral Call to Worship

No. 150

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1)

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

*Proclamation

Bill Lund

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
Rejoice, people of God, the light has come.

*Hymn of Praise

"Joy to the World"

No. 143

ANTIOCH

*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

Scripture

Psalm 148

Bill Lund

One: The word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Mike Wildman

Children's Church does not meet on the last Sunday of the month so that the whole church can worship together. The nursery is available for younger children.

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

Lee Hull Moses

Sharing our Gifts

Call to Offering

Mike Wildman

*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

Mike Wildman

Solo

“Un flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle!”

MaryKate Holden,

Soprano

Trad. French Carol, 17th c.

Arr. by David Cameron

A torch Jeanette, Isabelle, a torch! Hurry to the cradle!

Be quiet, good people of the village; Christ is born, and Mary's calling.

Ah! Ah! Ah, how beautiful is the mother, Ah! Ah! Ah, how lovely the child!

It's wrong, when the Child is sleeping, it's wrong to speak so loudly.

First of all, be quiet, all of you (one and the other)! Less noise, Jesus is waking.

Shh! Shh! Hush, he's sleeping marvelously well. Shh, hush, behold how he sleeps.

Message

Lee Hull Moses

Luke 2:41-52

Sharing the Feast

Communion Hymn

No. 164

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

Call to Communion

Lee Hull Moses

One: At this table we rejoice in the good news.

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

Eleanor Bray

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.

One: We eat the bread individually, because Christ meets us each where we
are. We drink the cup as one, because together we are the body of Christ.

The cup is shared.

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. 167

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Izaac Myers

*Benediction

Lee Hull Moses

*Postlude

Improvisation on “Joy to the World”

W. Faulkner

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Pray Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

*In what unexpected places have you found
Jesus?*

*What have you noticed about Christmas this
year that you haven't before?*

*In the coming year, how will you be part of
the body of Christ?*

participate Let us know your plans.

I am interested in a book discussion in
the new year. Table Topics will read
Bipolar Faith by Monica Coleman.

I can contribute nonperishable food
for the pantry and will bring items in
the new year.

I am interested in the Creative Aging
series hosted by the Vintage Bunch.

I'll be at the January 6 gathering for
the Neighborhood Youth Project.

We'll be at the January 6 Potluck &
Program for Children & Families.

Other: