

Get Involved at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Sunday Schedule, December 30

No Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship
8:00 p.m. Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous

Epiphany Sunday, January 6

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Youth Project
5:30 p.m. Potluck & Program for Children & Families
8:00 p.m. 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.

Holiday Office Schedule

The church office will be closed December 25-27. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday. As usual, you can reach Rev. Moses in an emergency at 336-587-6725.

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**Carols &
Candlelight**

**Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 p.m., Monday, Dec. 24**

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1900 West Market St.

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Carols & Candlelight

Christmas Eve Worship

Prelude and Chimes “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Arr. by Chip Davis

Proclamation Isaiah 9:2, 6 Lee Hull Moses

***Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 148

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

***Invocation**

***Response in Praise**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (refrain) No. 148
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Words of Welcome Lee Hull Moses

***“Joy to the World”** No. 143

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.*

(Please extinguish your candle before leaving the sanctuary.)

***Postlude** “Good Christian Friends Rejoice!” G. Martin

**Please stand as you're able.*

2018 Honor Gifts

Gifts were given by:

Diane, Brian, and Barbara Gillespie in memory of Bert Gillespie

Leah and Melissa Guthrie Loy in honor of Shannon Huth

Bennie Hearne in memory of Lamar

Dennis & Darilyn Knibb in memory of Dennis' parents Donald & Jane Knibb and in memory of Darilyn's father Bill Rayle

Dean & Lora McPhail in memory of Chuck Jones

W.E. Phillips in memory of Joe Fry

The altar flowers were given by Billie Pierce in memory of Raymond and Pauline Martin.

“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

No. 125

*Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.*

*Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.*

How the Light Comes ...Jan Richardson

Jimmy Gawne

Sharing the Light

(As the light is passed to you, please tilt your unlit candle to receive the light.)

***“Silent Night”**

No. 145

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.*

***“It Is Not Over” ...**Ann Weems

Shannon Huth

***Benediction**

Lee Hull Moses

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Jimmy Gawne and Caitie Smith

Sung Response “One Candle is Lit”

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.*

*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.*

*Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.*

*Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.
One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise.*

*Come, listen, the sounds of God-with-us ring clear,
And signs of a cross in the distance appear.
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.
One candle is lit for the Christ-birthday here.*

Luke 2:1-7

MaryKate Holden

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 1 & 4)

No. 144

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
we hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.*

“What Child is This”

No. 162

*What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Luke 2:8-20

MaryKate Holden

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (v. 1 & 3) No. 153

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*And you beneath life’s crushing load whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!*

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (v. 1 & 2) No. 149

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
you who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 150

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the 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!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Prayers for the World

Lee Hull Moses

Response:

One: Your light shines in the darkness.

All: The darkness does not overcome it.

Sharing Our Gifts

Call to Offering

Cliff Greaves

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 white envelopes are for gifts for the North
Carolina regional ministries. 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”)

*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

Cliff Greaves

The Story for Children

Lee Hull Moses

Solo

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Woodson Faulkner

Message

“Here on this Ordinary Night”

Lee Hull Moses