



First Christian Church

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Weekly Worship

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Bidding Prayer

Feel free to follow along with our Bidding Prayer from today's live-streamed worship service.

Public Worship WILL be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning. If you are not quite ready to join us for public worship, we invite you to follow along with this printed service.

Community Prayer

Creator God, King of All, the time is coming near! Today we lift our voices in joyful song, praising you with every breath that we take. We spend time with those familiar stories of how you sent your Word to us in the form of a child. O Lord, let our hearts prepare you room. Let our lives set aside time to be faithful disciples of Jesus and to focus our energy on creating your will on earth. For it IS a joy to our world that Jesus is born. It IS a joy to our lives that we are never alone. And it IS a joy that we are considered your children, co-creators of the world around us, followers of your way, and preservers of your promises to all people. O Come, let us adore you! Glory be to you, O God!

In preparation for the festival, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world: In a world fragmented by warring factions and rampant injustice, we pray for peace and goodwill over all the earth. We pray for reconciling love and unity within the church Christ formed to be his continuing body to minister to the world. We pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and unloved. We pray for the great cloud of witnesses of all times and places whose hope is in the Word made flesh, and whose home is with you forever. Amen.

Check out our weekly video at www.fcclincoln.org, First Christian's Facebook page, or search for First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska on YouTube.

www.fcclincoln.org/youtube

Even if you are worshipping from home, please continue your regular giving to the church in addition to your faith giving. The FCC office is accepting checks at 430 S. 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. We can also mail you a debit authorization form to do automatic withdrawals. Finally, there is a "GIVE" button on the top right-hand side of the fcclincoln.org website to make an online donation via PayPal.

Lessons & Carols

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a 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.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds
the blessed angel sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not
the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife
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.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
in ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Luke 2:8-16

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in
the fields, keeping watch over their flock by
night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before
them, and the glory of the Lord shone around
them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel
said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am
bringing you good news of great joy for all the
people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of Da-
vid a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This
will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a man-
ger.’ ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and
saying,

¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!’

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone
into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing
that has taken place, which the Lord has made
known to us.’ ¹⁶ So they went with haste and
found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in
the manger.

Lessons & Carols

Silent Night, Holy Night

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 for heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Chris 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.

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not

know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!*

True God from true God,
light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!

*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!*

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Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
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;
O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!*

Joy to the World

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 earth, 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.



Prayers & Praises December 19, 2021

In Our Church Family:

- Arlene Heimer
- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Alice Peterson
- Vic Burgess
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Jessica Vocasek

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Greg Ogren, *prayers for healing, still ill after surgeries and treatments, son of LaVonne Ogren*
- Mark Carpenter, *with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel*
- Lorie Chrastel, *Mark Carpenter's fiancée, prayers for recovery from a stroke*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Mother of John Swanson, *prayers for health as she is ill with COVID-19*
- Emily Carpenter, *aunt of Carpenters & Pickels is in hospice due to Covid in May*
- Gerald Deterding, *prayers for healing from cancer and pneumonia, father of William Deterding*

Friends:

- Tallu Schuyler Quinn, *prayers for diagnosis of glioblastoma, friend of Kaleo and D'Arcy Blosser*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt*
- Jim Bottolfsen, *for stage 3 lung cancer, friend of the Vocaseks*
- Carson Mousel, *13-year-old grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer*
- Jamin and Hailey, *for the safe delivery of their baby girl, from Tony Flack*
- Kristen Moore, *daughter-in-law of Ken & Susan Moore, wife of James, prayers for healing from liver transplant*

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, *Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Children & Youth

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Phyllis Byrd serving in Kenya

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