



We will have two opportunities for worship on Christmas Eve. At 4:30 we will have a family-focused, contemporary service. At 6:30 we will have a more traditional candlelight service. Children are welcome at both services and child care is also available for both. Communion will also be served at both services.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



Christmas Caroling

Church-wide Christmas caroling to our shut-in members will take place today! This event is for all ages. We will visit our homebound members in small groups to sing Christmas carols. Please meet at church at 2:45 if you would like to join us.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 22-28, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 3:00 Christmas Caroling
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 Family-Focused Christmas
 Eve Service
 6:30 Traditional Christmas Eve
 Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:00 Wayfinders

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Katie Mahoney*, Novice Gross, Steve & Donna Robbins,
 Brian & Cathie Rosecrance (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)
PRAYER: Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof
ACOLYTE: Chloe DeWitt
AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor

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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.



Please sign the blue registration pad at one end of each pew. Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover. Please help yourself to any of these materials. If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the

Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary. We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Forest Green) Arr. Dale Wood

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mikah Dukes, Molly Huff, Arturo Noguera, Abraunya Roe, Alex Uelhof

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF ANTICIPATION** "People Look East" No. 202

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Nehemiah Matteo Tiam Story

Son of Caroline Howard & Isaac Story

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

HYMN OF REFLECTION "What a Glorious Night" Words on Screen

Children 2nd grade & younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children's Church.

OFFERTORY "Emmanuel" Arr. Joel Raney

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:8-20

CANTICLE OF GOD'S GLORY

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

People: and peace to God's people on earth.

Leader: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks,

People: we praise You for Your glory.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Leader: For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

People: You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, AMEN.

ANTHEM

"Angel Band"

Now there were shepherds out in the field.

They watched their flocks by night.

Then all of a sudden the angel came;

The shepherds shook with fright.

O come, angel band.

Come and around us stand.

O bear us sweet news of the Baby's birth

Our Savior Christ the Lord.

The angel said, "Be not afraid, I bring you news of joy.

For unto you is born this day a newborn baby boy."

SERMON

"Whose News?"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

***HYMN OF JOY**

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

No. 238

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.

Mark your calendars for Fifth Sunday Breakfast! December 29 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. Hosted by the Friendship Class.

Attention Church Leaders:

A special leadership event is scheduled for Saturday, January 11 from 9am-12pm in the fellowship hall. This event will include a time of training for leadership roles and a time of planning for our future ministry together at First Church. All members of committees and ministry pillars should plan to attend. A light breakfast and childcare will be provided.

Thank you to all the leaders for your willingness to serve the Lord through serving on committees and ministry pillars. Be in prayer for this special event, and thanks in advance for your participation. Please contact Pastor Jodie if you have questions.

December 22, 2019 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Barbara Marrs | Gary Roberts |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Noah Cook |
| Nancy Jewell | Lou Thornberry |
| Elizabeth Wells | Denver Parrett |
| Catherine Cartus | Luke Holmes |
| Tom Palmer | Reed Davis |
| Kevin Jones | Eddie Deakins |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Lori Marriott |
| Evelyn Moore | The Gouge family |
| Jo Cross | Patricia Brantley |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Susan Gray |
| Gary J. Harkins | Doris Welch |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Bob McGuire |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Mack & Corrine Ballard |
| Betty McGaha | Viola & Bobby Seay |
| Steve Wilkinson | Family & friends of Ethan Brown |
| Rev. Bill Carter | |

